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Illinois 255 volume tops projections

Success prompts call for expansion

By Michael Hayes
Staff writer

Illinois 255's early success is increasing calls for speeding up further expansion of the highway from Illinois 143 to Illinois 140. The Illinois Department of Transportation said the volume of motorists using the highway is more than 30 percent higher than anticipated since it opened Oct. 13.

The first phase of a three-phase project linked Wood River with I-255.

Now area officials are pushing for the project's second phase to get moving. IDOT engineer Jim Easterly said when the second phase is complete you will see greater increases in use.

"Connecting the road to the north will be the real advantage," he said.

The plans are there, but the dollars aren't. The extension of I-255 to Illinois 140 in

Bethalto is estimated to cost \$75 million, Easterly said. The final phase, which would take the highway from Illinois 140 and connect it to U.S. 67 in Godfrey, is estimated to cost \$100 million. Easterly and area officials are concentrating on getting funding for Phase II.

"We don't have the funds to do it today," he said. "Money is the problem. We have the plans and are buying right-of-way. We could go to construction in relatively short order if we just have the money."

But Easterly said the early success of the new 255 could help spur development of the second phase. One area group that actively is pursuing realization of the 255 project is the River Bend Growth Association.

The group has been gathering area citizens and community leaders together as part of

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I-270 barricades coming down

Daytime lane restrictions will still be in effect

By Dennis Grubbaugh
Staff writer

Eight miles of barricade started coming down this week along an Interstate 270 construction zone that has plagued drivers since June 1996.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that 270 eastbound, from the Mississippi River to Illinois 111, will be subject to daytime lane restrictions for the removal of eight miles of temporary barriers along the center line.

"We will start at the east end near

(Interstate) 255 and work toward Missouri," said Bernard Fahey, implementation engineer for IDOT.

Eastbound delays can be anticipated because it will be necessary for the crews and equipment to work close to traffic.

"A high level of caution is certainly warranted," Fahey said.

Two lanes of eastbound traffic will be restored by 3 p.m. each day for the evening rush hour traffic.

The barrier removal will be completed by

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Protestant Welfare gets another honor

East West Gateway salutes agency

By Larry Ingram
Staff writer

Two Metro East agencies were honored Friday with an awards at the East West Gateway Coordinating Council's 33rd annual meeting at the downtown St. Louis Marriott Pavilion Hotel.

The Community Care Center of Protestant Welfare in Granite City was among the honorees.

The center won the award for Outstanding Achievement through Intergovernmental Cooperation or Public-Private Partnership.

Rudy Papa, vice-chair of the EWGCC and Madison County Board chairman, presented the award. Papa said more than 10,000 people went to the center seeking help last year.

Papa said the center offers job training, as well as food, clothing and medical services to those in need.

Denise Wright, executive director of the center, accepted the award, and said she and others at the center were

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Play spotlights adoption shortage

Parents
needed for
black
children

By Jason White
Staff writer

A new play is dramatizing the shortage of adoptive homes for black children.

Children are performing "Bande!" throughout the Metro East to provide information about adoption.

Carolyn Cleveland, staff development coordinator for the local branch of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, said 48 of 69 children waiting to be adopted in the seven-county Metro East region are African-American.

Cleveland said many black children are in the foster system for years. Others are placed in group homes, an option she said the state tries to avoid.

She recalled one child who kept asking a case worker if he had found an adoptive parent; the child finally said "I don't want to be adopted anyway" when the caseworker said he was still looking.

"A lot of the kids don't feel attached," Cleveland said.

"They really need the stability of a family. They need to know there's someone they can



Mike Viola photo

Rehearsing a scene from "Bande!" are, from left, Edward Washington, Krystal Thompson, Terrell Thompson and Janae Spencer.

count on to help them."

Cleveland said adoption through the state is free or at minimal cost.

"These kids have to be rich to adopt," she said.

If the child is three or older, the state pays a subsidy that includes any special education or other needs.

"These kids come along with some baggage," she said.

"They've had some bad experiences that have affected

them."

Adoptive parents can be married or single, she said.

The basic requirement is that the parent or parents are employed and can support themselves.

Adoptive parents must first apply through the DCF's. An adoption specialist then visits the applicants' home.

Applicants also are fingerprinted.

reference-checked and given classes on adoption.

"Bande!" Swahili for "follow me home," is a motivational play about adoption being performed by children from the Metro East, including two adopted children.

The play examines the adoption process for a married couple and a young single man.

Robert L. Douglas of Detroit wrote the play and worked with local churches to stage performances.

A few months ago, Eva Blow, a staff member of the DCF's office in Fairview Heights, saw the play in Detroit and brought the idea back to the Metro East.

The play is being sponsored by DCF's, the Village Investment Project, One Church One Child and other agencies and organizations.

Cleveland said the play is a special experience for the children involved.

The play was performed last week at Scott Air Force Base, at the Bileway Deliverance Center in Venice and at St. Matthew Baptist Church in East St. Louis.

For more information about adoption, call 394-2100.

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BAC submits proposal to provide MCC programs

Plan is one of eight under review by state

By Jason White
Staff writer

A proposal from Belleville Area College to provide educational programs to Metropolitan Community College is one of eight applications under review by the Illinois Community College Board.

BAC's proposal includes:
— Sponsoring adult education classes at existing BAC sites and sites in the MCC college district. Adult education includes Graduation Equivalency Diploma classes, adult and family literacy, English as a Second Language and job skills training.

— Replacing MCC as the institution that provides vocational and academic training to the southwestern Illinois Correctional Facility.

— Offering career-oriented and academic courses at MCC, depending on course feasibility. For example, BAC could not relocate training equipment but could offer a lecture-based course.

— Allowing students to enroll in BAC coursework at its campuses in Belleville, Granite City and Red Bud or extension

centers. Students would be charged the tuition for BAC district residents, with the ICCB paying the balance for non-district residents.

Offering credit and non-credit business/industry training at locations in the MCC district. The training would be aimed at improving the skill level of employees and enhancing the productivity of client firms in the MCC district, according to a BAC new release.

"Our proposal is to provide academic, vocational and adult educational services to the residents of MCC District 541," BAC President Elmer Kirchoff said in the release. "We are not submitting a proposal to take possession or administer this facility."

Kirchoff said the proposed services would be funded by grants or reimbursements and not BAC district taxpayers.

The ICCB will vote on eight applications to operate MCC on or before Dec. 4, ICCB President Joe Cipri said.

Cipri declined to comment on the applications.

"We're continuing to review those," he said.

Younge promises fight over MCC dissolution plan

She proposes bill to block state's proposal

By Jason White
Staff writer

State Rep. Vuyvetter Young, D-East St. Louis, has proposed a bill to prevent the Illinois Community College Board from dissolving Metropolitan Community College.

The bill would exempt MCC from the state that allows the state to dissolve community colleges. The bill would also reverse the ICCB's vote to dissolve the college as of Dec. 31.

Younge said the bill will be heard by the Higher Education Committee on Tuesday.

"I'm moving as fast as I can to try and get them to reconsider their decision," Young said.

Younge said the ICCB's decision to dissolve the college was "arbitrary and capricious."

The locally-elected board was not given adequate time to respond to the problems noted in the ICCB-appointed special study committee's report, Young said.

Younge said the board was given five minutes to speak at the Oct. 16 meeting where the ICCB made the unprecedented decision to dissolve the college.

The committee's report found numerous academic and financial problems. It recommended annexation to another college district or contracting with other institutions to resolve the problems.

In November 1994, college district voters approved a referendum that converted the state-funded State Community College into the taxpayer-supported, locally-run MCC in June 1998.

"The big point about all this is that we're talking about education," Young said. "Education control has always been local."

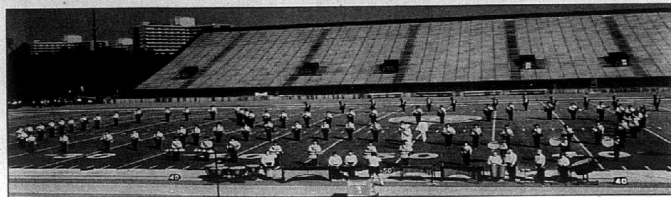
"What we have here is the state taking over the decision-making of a voluntarily-taxed group of people," she said. "All that is happening flies in the face of the whole precept of the people and their vote."

Younge also said she wants an investigation into the ICCB's motives. "ICCB is annihilating and killing off the local

board...in order to keep from transferring these riverfront properties worth millions of dollars," Young said.

ICCB President Joe Cipri said the ICCB's actions have all been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General.

The six-month study found that the school failed to submit an audit for almost a year after it was due, that the school inflated enrollment, costing \$707,000 in state aid; and that \$1 million of inventory was missing.



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On the road

The Granite City Marching Warriors took to the road this fall playing in competitions in Alton, Carbondale and the TWA Dome in St. Louis. In Carbondale, shown here, the Marching Warriors were under the direction of band leaders Ben Jackels and Wyatt Roberts.

Group seeking to review county's building plans

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Officials of IMPACT said they soon will try again to convince Madison County to review plans for building permits for commercial construction in unincorporated areas.

"We are going to try and

convince them once again to do the same thing we've been talking about for the last 10 years," said Dick Goodwin, IMPACT executive director. The organization is an advocacy group for people with disabilities. Some of its staff members review plans for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in communities such as

Alton and Edwardsville. But Joe Parente, the county building, housing and zoning supervisor, said county personnel are capable of reviewing the plans for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The number of commercial building permits issued by the county is small, he said, and he would hesitate to slow the approval process by submitting plans to IMPACT for review. "Only about 2 percent of the building permits we issue are for commercial property."

Residential building permits do not fall under the Americans with Disabilities Act," Parente said.

He said he wants to ask IMPACT officials if they would help train the county's workers to review the plans. Parente also pointed out that architects are required to design accessible facilities, and that would ensure the plans meet the requirements.

Parente said he plans to submit the question once again to the Madison County Board Land Use Committee.

Holiday parade planned Friday

The second Santa's Holiday Avenue Parade steps off at 5 p.m. Friday at Granite City High School.

Participants will line up at 4 p.m. The parade will proceed down Madison Avenue to Santa's Cabin at Delmar and Niedringhaus, where Santa Claus himself will visit with the children.

Judges will decide on the best floats and will award \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and three \$100 prizes for third place.

Scores of decorations, lights and live music complete the festive atmosphere. The Waterloo Marching Band will play for two hours while Santa Claus sees the children. The Shriner's Brass Band will play after that. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be served.

The hours Santa will be at the cabin are at 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 8 p.m. Sundays. More times may be added closer to Christmas.

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Obituaries

Karl Linhart

KARL LINHART, 92, of Granite City died Sunday, Nov. 22, 1998, in Granite City. He was born Jan. 10, 1906, in Zborov, Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Linhart retired from Granite City Steel as a bricklayer and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Bricklayer Union Local 08, and was business agent for Local 08, 3rd Degree.

Survivors include his wife, Veronica Rimarick; two sons, Carl Linhart of Granite City, and Joe Linhart of Collinsville; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna Linhart; two brothers, Steven Linhart and Joseph Linhart; and one sister, Margaret Rimarick.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Bill Fishel officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Charles Cremer

CHARLES C. CREMER, 69, of Madison died Sunday, Nov. 22, 1998, at Lutheran Medical Center.

Mr. Cremer was born in Granite City. He was owner of Charles's Key Shop and a member of the National Rifle Association of America and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his sister, Rose Rosier of St. Louis; two nieces, Denise Rosier-Cunningham and Cheryl Barr both of St. Louis; and one nephew, Edward Rosier of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Steven and Irene (Bolia) Cremer.

Services were Wednesday at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City, with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Elizabeth Genovese

ELIZABETH "LIBBY" GENOVESE of Granite City died Sunday, Nov. 22, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Genovese was born Jan. 1, 1953, in St. Louis. She was of Lutheran faith.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Genovese; her mother, Irene (Hall) Gibson; two sons, Richard Genovese and Frank Genovese, both of Granite City; three brothers, Harrison Gibson of Pompano Beach, Fla., Richard Gibson and Thomas Gibson, both of St. Louis; two sisters, Barbara Savokovich and Karen Gibson, both of St. Louis; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harrison Gibson; grandfather, Eliaha Hall.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

John Mezo Sr.

JOHN E. MEZO SR., 69, of Granite City, died Nov. 19, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Mezo was born Dec. 29, 1928, in Mt. Vernon. He was retired from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville as a building service worker

and was a member of the Aerie Lodge 1126 FOE and Henry Osterdorf VFW Post 1300, both in Granite City. Mr. Mezo was also a member of the Madison County Police Association.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis (Gloxam) Mezo; two sons, Michael Mezo of Muncie, Ind., and John Mezo of Dallas; three daughters, Lori Kalogerou and Joni Mezo, both of Granite City, and Gail Mezo of O'Fallon; two brothers, William Mezo of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, JoAnn Jones of Mt. Vernon, Emma Lou Mezo of Granite City and Mary Cooper of Cahokia; a brother, Wayne Mezo of Mt. Vernon; and three grandchildren, Ashley, Leslie and Adrienne Kalogerou, all of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Ruth (Poston) Mezo; and a sister, Doris Mezo.

Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Lieber officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Dorothea Ashley

DOROTHEA E. (JANSEN) ASHLEY, 86, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Nov. 20, 1998, at Rosewood Care Center. She was born Sept. 21, 1912, in Granite City.

Mrs. Ashley was a clerk at CARPS Department store and a member of St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ and the Venice-Madison Senior Citizens group.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, with the Rev. Brent Cloyd officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Donald Ludeke

DONALD O. LUDEKE, 89, of Godfrey died Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, at his residence.

Mr. Ludeke was born Feb. 15, 1909, in Irving. He was retired as a machinist in the mold shop at Owens-Illinois Glass, and was a past officer at Trinity Lutheran

following times:

Thursday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m.

Survivors include her sons, Edward M. Ashley of Minneapolis, Minn., James L. Ashley of Glen Carbon, and Lawrence F. Ashley of Louisville, Ky.; one brother, Edward Jansen of Alton; one sister, Gladys Jansly of Huntsville, Ala.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his husband, Chester E. Ashley; one brother, Harold Jansen; and three sisters, Georgia Schindewolf, Louella Romann and Pauletta Mueller.

Services were Monday at St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ with the Rev. Rose Hermonat officiating. Burial was in Bluff Road Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Davis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Leo Smith

LEO SMITH, 61, of Collinsville died Thursday, Nov. 19, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born May 27, 1937, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Smith worked for Macklin Industries as a laborer and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his sons, Brian K. Smith of Belleville, Tim Smith of Collinsville, and Charles E. Smith of Madison; two brothers, Cleo Smith of Collinsville, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose (Mortin) Smith; and one sister, Patricia Self.

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Church and Faith Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife, Georgia (Metzger) Ludeke; one son, Donald Ludeke of Granite City; five grandchildren, Dana Ludeke, Daniel Ludeke, and Dean Ludeke all of Belleville, Ford Frasz of Wood River, Karrie Swartz of Clearwater, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren, Alexander Frasz of Wood River, and Karley Swartz of Clearwater, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Gertrude (Moore) Ludeke; and one sister, Thelma Reed.

Services were Wednesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Godfrey, with the Rev. Curtis Daterling officiating. Burial was in Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to the Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis.

Patricia Lattimore

PATRICIA L. (COTRELL) LATTIMORE of Edwardsville died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Lattimore graduated from Granite City High School and received her bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and her master's degree from Fontbonne College in St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Lattimore; her mother, Roberta (Martin) Cottrell of Granite City; a sister, Cheryl Conboy of St. Louis; and five nieces and nephews, Nicole Conboy, Robert Conboy, Paul Conboy, Katie Hatcher and Marissa Menendez.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Cottrell.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 21, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. The remains were to be cremated.

Jeanette Young

JEANETTE M. (SCARBOROUGH) YOUNG, age 68, of Madison, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mr. Young was born on Dec. 26, 1929, in Dover, Tenn. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Madison.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Young; one sister, Dolores Carroll of Garden City; and one brother, Terry Scarborough of Dearborn Heights, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Terry and Bonnie (Vick) Scarborough; and one sister, Betty Sherwood.

Services were Monday, Nov. 23, at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating. Burial followed at Jefferson Barracks.

Parents may be made to First Baptist Church of Madison.

Helen Soroka

HELEN R. SOROKA, 83, of Granite City died Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Soroka was born Jan. 29, 1915, in St. Louis. She had worked at Brown Shoe Store Company and at Famous-Barr in the credit department, and was a member of the Eastern Starr, AARP and Brown Shoe Store Company Club.

Survivors include her daughter, Harriet Soroka of Granite City. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Soroka; her parents, Walter and Ida (Nass) Wilkins; and one brother, Walter Wilkins.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

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Catsup bottle to featured on cable

The Catsup Bottle Preservation Group of Collinsville has announced the World's Largest Catsup Bottle will be featured on CMT — Country Music Television's 1998 Video Countdown.

Producers were at the bottle site last August for nearly six hours to shoot about two minutes of video footage. They also interviewed Catsup Bottle Fan Club President Mike Gassmann and "The Catsup Bottle Lady," Judy DeMoisy, who a few years ago spearheaded the drive to raise more than \$77,000 to restore

the 170-foot world-renowned landmark water tower.

"We did some interesting things," said Mike Gassmann.

"It was a lot of fun; everybody should get a real kick out of it."

The show airs at the

following times:

Thursday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m.

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By Larry Ingraham
Staff writer

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Area woman wins environmental award

By Larry Ingram
Staff writer

Frances Vahlkamp of St. Clair Service Co. received more awards and accolades at an environmental respect banquet held Wednesday at Turkey Grange in Belleville.

Vahlkamp received the environmental respect award for his environmental stewardship and service to the community.

Vahlkamp used the opportunity to give thanks for the unsung heroes of American agriculture.

It was an appropriate message for the season of giving thanks.

"We should be proud of our farmers," Vahlkamp said. "Because that's the reason we are here. The farmers are the people who make all of this happen. Tonight maybe when you sit down to eat, maybe you ought to thank the farmers for the food."

That sentiment was echoed by Nancy Truitt, DuPont global business manager for corn and soybeans.

"Frances' words at the end about feeding and agriculture and how much we owe to the American farmer were really spot on," Truitt said. "It makes you very humble when you see all that we are afforded here in America. Other countries would be happy to have a fraction of what we have."

DuPont cosponsors the environmental respect award.

Vahlkamp was recognized in part for the educational field trips that he hosts for area gradeschools.

100 attend library wing dedication

Theater and eight puppets presented to Fairview library

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

Close to 100 people turned out to see a puppet show at the children's dedication of the lower level of the Fairview Heights Library last week.

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Marilyn Kinsella presented a theater and eight puppets to the library in memory of her mother, Vera Niemann, who was a volunteer in the library's early years.

Celeste Marianos worked with Kinsella as a puppeteer presenting "The Woman Who Plummoxed the Fairies" by author Heather Forest.

Kinsella explained to the children that in dedicating the theater she was doing something special for her mother.

"My mom was a writer and loved to tell me stories," Kinsella said.

Library Director Deborah Owen said she was pleased with the event.

"It's something that children in this day and age are not exposed to," Owens said.

Barricades coming down

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Dec. 18, Fahey said.

The use of the temporary reversible lane was discontinued this week. Also, the westbound roadway will be opened to two lanes of traffic daily until 9 a.m. for the morning rush hours.

After 9 a.m. the westbound roadway will be subject to lane restrictions to complete shoulder work.

By Dec. 18, all lanes will be open for the winter period, he said.

The lane restrictions next spring will be limited to non-peak daytime hours to place the final bituminous surface and associated work.

The removal of the barrier is being accomplished 10

months ahead of the original contract date as a result of "aggressive scheduling" by the joint-venture contractors, Keller Construction Inc. of Glen Carbon and Keeley and Sons Inc. of East St. Louis.

Fahey said the westbound contract was originally scheduled to be wrapped in Oct. 1, 1999. But because both the eastbound and westbound contracts were awarded by low bid to the same pairing of contractors, the project will be completed much sooner.

"We were able to work both contracts at the same time," Fahey said.

Together, the contracts cost the state — and taxpayers — \$48 million to \$49 million.

"I had a lot of nice comments from the parents, I think they liked it as much as the children."

Owen said the puppeteers brought the puppets out after the show for the children to see and ask questions about.

Construction on the lower level of the library started in February after receipt of a \$127,000 "Live and Learn" grant. The total cost of the renovation was \$350,000 and additional funds were provided by the city, Owen said.

Another dedication is now planned at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Highway sees great use

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the Competitive Communities Initiative. At its meeting on Oct. 22, those in attendance came up with the top 10 issues the group should tackle. Completion of major highways, in particular 255, was the No. 1 issue. About 80 people attended the meeting, including more than a dozen elected officials.

Don Miller, president of the RBGA, said completion of the second phase of the project is the group's highest priority.

"The community recognizes economic development follows roads and without roads we will be choked off," Miller said. Easterly echoed Miller's sentiments.

"It can spur economic growth and is a much safer facility for the public. We are just beginning to see what this highway can do. This roadway is going to help everybody on the East Side," he said.

It is estimated the final two phases will take 10 years to complete. If the funds existed immediately, construction of the route to U.S. 67 in Godfrey would take at least seven years.

Miller said the community has to keep the need to complete the project in front of elected officials.

"That will help get the ball rolling quicker," he said.

Restaurant to reopen next month

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Robbins and Parts America in the small shopping center.

"We're opening an all-around family restaurant with moderate prices, complete banquet facilities and catering," Ravanelli said.

The menu will be much the same as when Frank Ravanelli ran the business, mainly American food such as steaks, with some extras. Most food will be made fresh to order.

The restaurant is set to open by the end of the year. Ravanelli said they are taking applications for employment. For more information, call 877-8000.

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overwhelmed to receive the honor.

The Gateway award joins the many honors bestowed upon Wright and Protestant Welfare in 1998, including the Governor's Hometown Award; a 1998 Suburban Journals/KMOX Woman of Achievement Award for Wright; and a certificate of appreciation from the city of Granite City.

The Welfare-to-Work program in St. Clair County, administered by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department, was given an award for Outstanding Achievement by a Local Government.

Thelma Chalmers, executive director of St. Clair County IGD, received the award for the program.

"I'm just very flattered that the agencies in the area recognized the program and have taken the opportunity to acknowledge it for the success that it has been," Chalmers said. "We've had a pretty good success rate."

The program has helped hundreds of households that were previously dependent on public assistance to increase their earnings and make significant gains toward self-sufficiency.

In the program's first cycle, from February through September 1998, 250 participants successfully completed a Job Readiness component, leading to 229 placements into subsidized employment.

The entire welfare to work program runs over a three-year period.

Chalmers said the program will be entering the second round of funding in January.

But even before IGD received funds under the Welfare-to-Work program, its staff began the process of actively seeking the input of the private sector and other community organizations into the design of the local program.

"Before we had the funds, we were holding business forums," said Steve Schneider, manager of employment and training services at IGD in St. Clair County. "We had meetings with employers where we asked them what they would require from applicants for employment."

IGD hosted three business round tables and one session with dozens of community organizations that interact with welfare recipients.

The ideas expressed in the meetings identified what local employers would require of new employees from the welfare ranks as well as the assistance that would be needed by welfare recipients to be able to meet in these employers' expectations.

"We are helping them change from a dependency on welfare or public assistance to self-sufficiency," Schneider said.

By the end of the first program cycle on Sept. 30, IGD accounted for 10.5 percent of all Illinois applicants for Welfare-to-Work; 18.1 percent of all program participants; and 23.7 percent of all individuals placed into employment.

IGD had more welfare-to-work enrollments and unsubsidized job placements than any other local program, including the Chicago area.

(Staff writer Scott Kelly contributed information to this story.)

Refinery called top county polluter

Study finds Wood River plant emitted largest amount of carcinogens

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

The Wood River Refining Co. emitted the largest amount of recognized carcinogens into the air in Madison County, according to a report by the Environmental Defense Fund.

The group, based in New York, also stated that Madison County ranked in the top 30 percent of all counties in the country in emissions.

The group, using its web site, claimed benzene was the major toxic chemical involved in most cases.

"Information is power when it's put to use," said David Roe, an attorney with the group. "We're hoping to bring people together about chemical pollution issues in every affected community."

A representative for Wood River Refining Co., Tara Condon-Tullier, said she is suspicious of the group's intentions.

"I don't know where they're getting their information from. I'm not positive of what they consider a recognized carcinogen is," she said. "It is no secret we're the largest tetra-chemical factory in Madison County."

Agency gets \$5,000 grant

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

Metro East residents with severe disabilities will benefit from a \$5,000 grant from a St. Louis company.

The Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis gave a grant of \$5,000 to the Living Independently Now Center (LINC) of Belleville in support of their Home Modification Program.

John A. Laker, executive director of LINC, said the funds will help supplement money they receive from St. Clair County and East St. Louis.

Laker said the grant will allow homeowners in the Metro East of low income with severe disabilities to make their homes more accessible.

"Modifications can include ramps, widening doors and installing grab bars in the shower," Laker said. "This grant will help people improve their quality of living and give them independence, putting off having to live in an institution."

Angela Most, secretary/treasurer of the Employees Community Fund at Boeing, said her company shares a common goal with LINC.

"The Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis is proud to support an organization such as LINC that is dedicated to increasing the quality of life for disabled individuals," Most said. "We share LINC's belief that persons with disabilities can live independently and commends LINC's service to the community."

Condon-Tullier said the company has been making great strides in reducing pollution.

"In the past eight years of monitoring, we will have decreased emissions by 65 percent," she said.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency said Environmental Defense Fund most likely received its information from federal government reports.

"It is a federal requirement to submit information on total number of contaminants. It's public information," said Jeff Benbenek, public safety administrator with the IEPA.

Benbenek said he was not contacted by Environmental Defense Fund. He also said if residents want information on refineries or other industrial sites, they can contact the IEPA's Office of Chemical Safety in Springfield at (217) 782-6936.

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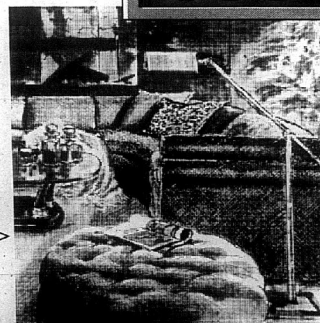
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County Board approves raises

Despite protests, some employees get pay hikes as high as 8 percent

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Despite protests from several board members, raises of up to 8.8 percent for some county employees have been approved by the Madison County Board.

Approved by a vote of 14-7 last week, the raises will be effective Dec. 1. Proponents of the raises said they are well deserved, but other board members thought otherwise.

"I don't think the chief should get any more than the Indians," Harold Byers, D-Highland, said.

Don Garrett, D-Madison, said: "My fellow board member Don Sonnenberg reminded me at a recent meeting that we made a promise last year that we would forgo all large raises and give the same across the board."

"This has been ignored. We need to do away with excessive and unnecessary expenditures and regain the confidence of the people of Madison County."

The majority of department heads and appointed officials will receive 4.1 percent raises. However, building administrator Marty Siglock will get an 8.8 percent increase.

Others receiving significant increases are: director of administration James Monday, 8.5 percent; director of data processing Patrick Morrison, 8.3 percent; and county engineer David Dietzel, 6.6 percent.

"I think they have done a good job for the county," said William Little, Finance Committee chairman. "Whether it took three or four hours, I'm glad (the board) voted."

Don Rea, D-Granite City, gave an impassioned speech in support of Dietzel's raise. He said the increase should have been even more since Madison County pays barely above the minimum compared with other counties for similar positions.

"I think it's honest and earned. It's amazing to me that we just passed a bargaining agreement (for county union employees) without saying a word. There were five (union) individuals who got 16.5 percent raises," Rea said.

But other board members said the timing is bad for raises because they're being announced immediately after this month's election and two weeks before new board members get sworn in.

Homer Henke, R-Moro, said "merit" raises shouldn't be approved at the same time as the regular annual raises.

"It's fine being good old boys here, but we'll go back to our districts and get bombarded," he said.

Resident returns to county home

Move may pave way for others to move back to Care Home

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

A former resident has returned to live in the tax-supported Madison County Sheltered Care Home, possibly paving the way for others to return.

MADISON COUNTY County officials said they have no reason to keep former residents from returning to the home, 333 S. Main St., since the home will remain open through 1999.

"The county's intent is to keep the Sheltered Care Home open," County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said Wednesday. "We'll go out for proposals to keep it open; therefore, we're letting people back in."

The Sheltered Care Home can house 62 residents, and the Nursing Home can

house 100, but a majority of those people have moved out because of the uncertain status of the homes.

Both homes have typically spent more than they earn in residents' fees, but the larger number of empty beds has put the \$2.4 million reserve budget in peril.

Gary Groeteka, who is in charge of maintenance at the home and chairman of the County Homes Action Committee, said the board may be headed in the right direction.

"I know (the resident) is glad to be back. And on behalf of the group working to keep the homes open, we'd like to commend Rudy Papa and Bill Little (Finance Committee chairman) for letting residents back in."

Groeteka said the next step should be to let residents back in the Nursing Home and keep it open.

But Papa said there's plenty of room in the county for Nursing Home residents to relocate, whereas the Sheltered Care Home residents have special needs and are more difficult to relocate.

Some sheltered care residents have Alzheimer's disease in early stages, mild mental retardation or mild mental illness.

Burt Shelter Care Home in Alton is the only similar home in Madison County, but it is usually full. Most residents are also on fixed incomes.

For now, the county has withdrawn its request to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to close the home.

County officials plan to wait until after a state hearing on the status of the Nursing Home's projected closing before aggressively seeking a private developer to building a new sheltered care home.

Care Home administrator may lose job

Donna Marrone was given only a three-month extension by board

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

The administrator of one of the county's tax-supported care homes may soon be out of work.

Although officials have said the Madison County Sheltered Care Home will remain open through 1999, administrator Donna Marrone was given only a three-month extension on her contract at Wednesday's County Board meeting.

"It's obvious Donna is being punished for her activities in trying to provide homes and help for the residents of the

county and for both homes," said Gary Groeteka, chairman of the County Homes Action Committee.

Roger Hotson is the administrator of the Madison County Nursing Home, 2121 Troy Road. Officials have said the home will close early in 1999 because of lack of money, but Hotson's contract has been extended for 12 months.

"The Nursing Home's the one they say is closing, yet the administrator there is being offered a year contract," Groeteka said. "So the question is, why?"

County Board Chairman

Rudy Papa would not say why Marrone wasn't offered the same one-year term of employment as Hotson.

Papa said he reached the agreement with Marrone and the county's personnel and finance committees.

Papa said Marrone, who lives in Edwardsville, might still have her job if the state and county haven't reached a decision on the homes by Feb. 28. The county is awaiting a hearing with an officer appointed by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.

The state board intends to

deny the county's request to close the homes, which county officials have said are in poor condition and have a shortage of operating funds.

"At the end of the three months, we'll look at Marrone's contract. I see no problem with hiring her again," Papa said.

Several months ago, Marrone told the media that county officials had advised her to no longer speak publicly about the board's decision to close the homes.

Marrone and Hotson will each receive a 4.1 percent raise, effective Dec. 1.

Hotson's annual salary will be \$52,158, and Marrone's will be \$39,730.

State board honors residents

At the 25th annual Those Who Excel awards program, held Oct. 17, the Illinois State Board of Education recognized nearly 300 individuals who have made exemplary contributions to schools in Illinois.

The following Granite City Community Unit District 9 representatives were honored: Cynthia Hormell, school administrator — Certificate of Appreciation; Andy Yurko, classroom teacher — Certificate of Appreciation; Patricia Mull, community volunteer — Award of Merit; Betty Hamilton, educational support personnel — Award of Excellence; and Plus Team — Award of Excellence.

Plus Team members are: Linda Hill, Ruth Layton, Carla Finkes, Lisa Miller, Shannon Muskopf, Laura Sullivan, Bev Golden, Judy Andrews and Cindy Gagich.

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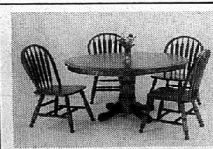
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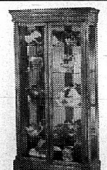
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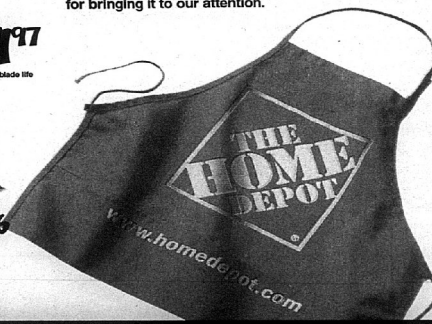
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Gateway Goodies

Team's arrival will bring a lot of good to the area

It didn't take me long to come up with a nickname for the new Gateway expansion franchise team in the Class A Frontier professional baseball league. Hopeful of starting play in the year 2000 somewhere in the Fairview Heights-O'Fallon area, the new independent team already has a stadium design with a capacity from 3,000 to 3,500.

My nickname? How about the Gateway Goodies? Consider the word "good" and you cannot say it without using plurals in the praise of Rich Sauget and his group of investors, who are well past the \$400,000 admission hurdle of the Frontier League.

Isn't it good for southwestern Illinois that someone finally is stepping forward to provide a lighted ballpark that will bring pro ball back to the area for the first time since the Belleville Stags died after the 1949 season?

And, isn't it good that in announcing the Gateway team, Sauget focused on the benefits the new stadium could bring to the area rather than just pro baseball?

After all these years when a city like Belleville — with three highly competitive high school baseball teams — failed to provide a lighted facility, the thought of area teams playing "big" games in the new stadium in the spring and summer offers nothing but good.

Baseball is just a part of what that stadium can offer a community," Sauget told me prior to his recent press conference. "You could hold many things there from art shows to graduation."

Investors obviously will want a profit, but when I asked Sauget about corporate goals, he placed other items first:

"To provide a championship quality amateur baseball facility for the youth of the entire region and bring family entertainment to the community."

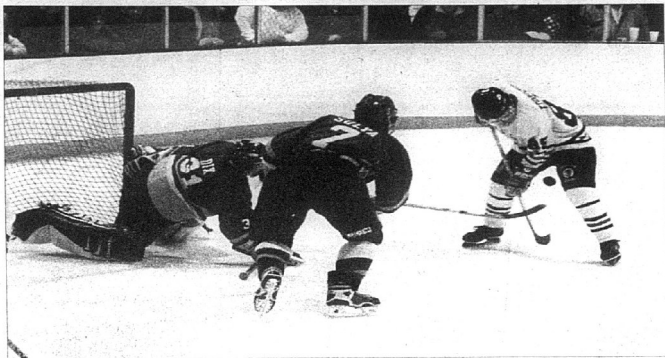
Of the pro baseball level, Sauget referred to the minor league game as a "happening."

"Baseball is the game on the field, but the overall lure is entertainment, and on the Frontier League level, the customer is not only going to find it much less expensive than at a major league game but much more fun," said Sauget.

Already affiliated with the River City Rascals of O'Fallon, Mo., who begin Frontier action this summer, See GATEWAY, Page 2B



Art Voellinger
Sports Views



The Illinois Warriors' Luke Forrester (right) tries to get control of the puck in front of an opponent's net in a recent game. The Warriors advanced to 2-0 last Thursday.

Warriors win when it counts

Granite City avenges loss in Pucks of Power to Tigers

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City goaltender Brandon Rollins snatched a slapshot stamped for the back of the net out of midair late in the third period to help the Warriors defeat Edwardsville 4-3 Thursday in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association play at the East Alton Ice Rink.

"Rollins' save was the turning point in the game," Warriors coach Paul Solberger said. "It kept our intensity level and had to hurt the Tigers."

The win kept the Warriors undefeated on the season after two games. It was the second game in a row against a Northern Conference finalist from last year's MVCHA playoffs.

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Scott switches sports, but his role remains the same

Granite Senior looked to as tough leader for Warriors

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Even on the soccer pitch, Bob Scott demonstrated the tough hockey attitude. On several occasions during the Granite City soccer season, Scott was a blur of black and white streaking down the right sideline. He was pure speed, physical toughness and a supportive teammate when needed.

Scott didn't start every game for the Warriors soccer team, but he was arguably the most effective member of the forward rotation coach Gene Baker employed off of his bench during the march to the Southwestern Conference title.

"When I came to hockey practice after soccer was over, I was in total shape. I didn't have any trouble skating. It made me faster and helped my hands out in the game."

Bob Scott

On the soccer field, when his Granite City teammates were getting roughed up, Scott was the first to lend a hand, while the student body cheered "Virgil!"

"It's my real first name. Everybody calls me Virg or Virgil," Scott said. "When you're on the field, it kind of gets you pumped up."

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Granite City senior Bob Scott wears the "C" for the Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

Freeburg's Krauss jump-starts his high school career

Junior has more fun en route to finishing first in seven races

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Tyler Krauss admitted that he had lost his zeal for cross country after struggling at the end of his sophomore season in 1997.

"My mind wasn't in it and I wasn't having much fun running," Krauss said.

It took some prodding from his mother but Krauss decided to attend the Paavo Camp in St. Joseph's, Mo., in the summer. That turned out to be just what the doctor ordered.

"My older brother (Shane) had gone to this camp and it really pumped him up mentally," Krauss said.

It did the same for the younger Krauss as he came into the 1998 season with a new attitude.

"The camp got me back into the right frame of mind to run," he said.

"It's a whole different world there and everyone is so positive. It turned me totally around. It made running fun

again."

Another thing that made running fun was success. Krauss had so much of it in 1998 that he has been named the Male Runner of the Year by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Krauss' successful 1998 campaign began with a victory in the season-opening four-team meet in Waterloo.

By the team the season was finished, Krauss had won seven races.

"Tyler came into this cross country season a totally different kid," Freeburg cross country coach Wayne Wiseman said. "He was a decent runner with some potential last season

but this year he was a special runner. He was very focused."

A lot of the credit for Krauss' success this season has to go to fellow junior Darren Pierce.

"Darren did all he could to beat Tyler and Tyler did all he could to stay ahead of him," Wiseman said.

The two were neck-and-neck in several meets. But Pierce was never able to defeat his friend.

"He didn't beat me but he certainly pushed me hard," Krauss said. "That was a huge reason for me having the season I had. When you have a guy like Darren running with you, you can't have an off day."

Pierce finished second to Krauss on five different occasions. They even ran together at the state meet in Peoria with Krauss finishing 27th and Pierce 28th. They were 1-2 in the Chokio Conference Meet and in the St. Clair County Meet.

"Darren had a great season," Wiseman said. "He was just an

"Tyler came into this cross country season a totally different kid. He was a decent runner with some potential last season but this year he was a special runner. He was very focused."

Wayne Wiseman
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Capsules.....Page 3B

average runner last season. But he made himself into a very good runner this season. From mid-season on, he was on Tyler's heels. It was a great friendly rivalry.

The only downside to the season was the end as Krauss and Pierce just missed out on making the all-state team. The top 25 runners from the state meet are selected all-state.

"The goal was to make all-state," Krauss said. "It didn't go quite as well as I had hoped but I'm looking forward to next year."

Krauss' attention these days is on the Freeburg basketball team. He was a starting guard on the varsity as a sophomore last season and was second on the team in scoring.

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ALTHOFF CRUSADERS
Overall record (1-0)

November	
16 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA)	7-15 p.m.
28 vs. Roxana (EA)	4 p.m.
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	7:30 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.
6 vs. Marquette (EA)	8:45 p.m.
13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8 p.m.
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	6:45 p.m.
27 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:45 p.m.
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)	8:45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6 p.m.
9 vs. Roxana (FH)	4:15 p.m.
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	7:30 p.m.
12 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8:15 p.m.
23 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)	7:45 p.m.
23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	2:30 p.m.
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.
30 vs. Cahokia (CA)	8:15 p.m.

February	
3 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:15 p.m.
6 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	4:15 p.m.
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS
Overall record (0-2)

November	
14 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-7
16 vs. Althoff (FH)	L 2-1
21 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.

26 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	4:15 p.m.
29 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	7:15 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Collinsville (FH)	5:45 p.m.
13 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.
19 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	4:15 p.m.
20 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8 p.m.
21 vs. Granite City (FH)	7:45 p.m.
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	7:15 p.m.
29 vs. Althoff (FH)	8:45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Cahokia (FH)	7:30 p.m.
7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:45 p.m.
10 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)	7:30 p.m.
16 vs. Collinsville (FH)	4:15 p.m.
23 vs. Roxana (FH)	5:45 p.m.
24 vs. Alton (EA)	7:15 p.m.
27 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.

February	
1 vs. Belleville West (FH)	7:45 p.m.
7 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.
11 vs. Roxana (EA)	7:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS
Overall record (0-0-1)

November	
17 vs. Cahokia (FH)	T 4-4
22 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8 p.m.
24 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	6:45 p.m.
29 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	6 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Althoff (FH)	4:15 p.m.
7 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)	7:45 p.m.
12 vs. Alton (EA)	3:15 p.m.
13 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	4:30 p.m.
16 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
20 vs. Belleville East (FH)	8 p.m.
26 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
27 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Collinsville (FH)	4:30 p.m.
7 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	7:15 p.m.
12 vs. Althoff (FH)	8:15 p.m.
17 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	8:45 p.m.
23 vs. Alton (FH)	4:15 p.m.

24 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	6 p.m.
30 vs. Granite City (FH)	4:15 p.m.

February	
1 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.
6 vs. Roxana (FH)	5:45 p.m.
21 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:15 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES
Overall record (0-1-1)

November	
15 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	L 3-4
17 vs. Belleville West	T 4-4
21 vs. Belleville East (CA)	5:15 p.m.
28 vs. Granite City (CA)	5:15 p.m.

December	
5 vs. O'Fallon (CA)	5:15 p.m.
6 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	5:45 p.m.
12 vs. Roxana (CA)	5:15 p.m.
14 vs. Althoff (FH)	7:45 p.m.
16 vs. Alton Marquette (CA)	5:15 p.m.
20 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	5:45 p.m.
26 vs. Belleville West (CA)	5:15 p.m.
27 vs. Collinsville (FH)	4:30 p.m.

January	
2 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
9 vs. Civic Memorial (CA)	5:15 p.m.
13 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
16 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	5:45 p.m.
17 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
23 vs. Edwardsville (CA)	5:15 p.m.
30 vs. Althoff (CA)	5:15 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS
Overall record (0-2)

November	
12 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	L 3-8
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-5
22 vs. Belleville West (FH)	6 p.m.
24 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:15 p.m.
30 vs. Roxana (FH)	7:45 p.m.

5 vs. Belleville East (FH)	5:45 p.m.
8 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.
12 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4:45 p.m.
13 vs. Althoff (FH)	8 p.m.
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January	
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9 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.
10 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
15 vs. Belleville East (FH)	4:15 p.m.
17 vs. Alton (FH)	7:15 p.m.
19 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	8:15 p.m.
24 vs. Althoff (FH)	7:30 p.m.

February	
2 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)	8:15 p.m.
6 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.
11 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	8:45 p.m.
13 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	4:15 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS
Overall record (0-0)

November	
19 vs. Granite City (EA)	8:45 p.m.
22 vs. O'Fallon (EA)	4:30 p.m.
24 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8:45 p.m.
26 vs. Alton (EA)	8:45 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Roxana (FH)	2:30 p.m.
12 vs. Collinsville (EA)	4:45 p.m.
13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	8:45 p.m.
17 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	5:45 p.m.
20 vs. Cahokia (EA)	5:45 p.m.
22 vs. Althoff (FH)	8:45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	7:15 p.m.
30 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.

January	
1 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
3 vs. O'Fallon (EA)	4:45 p.m.
6 vs. Belleville West (EA)	7:15 p.m.
10 vs. Alton (EA)	7:15 p.m.
19 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8:15 p.m.
23 vs. Edwardsville (CA)	5:15 p.m.
28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:15 p.m.

30 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	2:30 p.m.
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February	
7 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:30 p.m.
13 vs. Althoff (EA)	4 p.m.

FREEBURG BLUE RAGE
Overall record (0-0)

November	
21 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	4:15 p.m.
22 vs. Triad (FH)	7:45 p.m.
26 vs. Wood River (FH)	5:45 p.m.

December	
1 vs. Highland (FH)	6:45 p.m.
5 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	5:30 p.m.
6 vs. Waterloo (FH)	6:45 p.m.
12 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	7:15 p.m.
18 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	6:45 p.m.
20 vs. Triad (FH)	4:30 p.m.
26 vs. Wood River (EA)	2:30 p.m.
27 vs. Highland (EA)	6:45 p.m.

January	
4 vs. Piasa Southwestern (FH)	7:45 p.m.
9 vs. Waterloo (FH)	8:45 p.m.
12 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	6:45 p.m.
17 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	6:15 p.m.
24 vs. Triad (FH)	4:30 p.m.
25 vs. Wood River (FH)	7:45 p.m.
26 vs. Highland (FH)	8:15 p.m.
30 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	5:30 p.m.

February	
7 vs. Waterloo (FH)	4:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS
Overall record (1-0)

November	
18 vs. Alton Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	8:45 p.m.
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8:15 p.m.
26 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	8:15 p.m.

8 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	4 p.m.
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	8:15 p.m.
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	8:15 p.m.
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.
23 vs. Alton (GC)	8:15 p.m.
27 vs. Althoff (FH)	7:30 p.m.
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.
9 vs. Alton (EA)	5:30 p.m.
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	8:15 p.m.
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	8:15 p.m.
21 vs. Triad (FH)	7:45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (GC)	8:15 p.m.
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.

February	
3 vs. Althoff (FH)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	5:30 p.m.

MASCOUTAH INDIANS
Overall record (0-0)

November	
21 vs. Freeburg (FH)	4:15 p.m.
22 vs. Piasa Southwestern (GC)	7:30 p.m.
29 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	4:30 p.m.

December	
6 vs. Highland (EA)	7:15 p.m.
8 vs. Triad (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Wood River (EA)	5:45 p.m.
15 vs. Freeburg (FH)	6:45 p.m.
19 vs. Waterloo (FH)	5:45 p.m.
26 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	4 p.m.

January	
2 vs. Piasa Southwestern (FH)	4:15 p.m.
5 vs. Highland (FH)	4:45 p.m.
10 vs. Triad (FH)	4:30 p.m.
11 vs. Wood River (FH)	7:45 p.m.
17 vs. Freeburg (FH)	4:30 p.m.
19 vs. Waterloo (FH)	6:45 p.m.
28 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	8:45 p.m.

February	
5 vs. Wood River (EA)	5:30 p.m.
7 vs. Triad (FH)	8:15 p.m.
14 vs. Highland (FH)	6 p.m.

Grigsby sweeps Coolidge in junior high showdown

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"We stalled the last three minutes, just passing it around. I called the boys over and told them no more scoring."

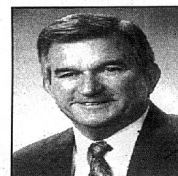
"You don't want to demolish anyone."

"Coolidge is well-coached. They did a fine job. That is the most points they have scored."

"Of course, next year these boys are going to be trying out for the Granite City High School team and playing together. It was good to play each other now. It lets the boys from the different schools get to know each other a little bit better."

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Warriors avenge Pucks of Power loss to Tigers

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Last Wednesday night at Wilson Park, the Warriors defeated Alton Marquette 5-4. The Explorers fell to Edwardsville in the 1997-98 MVCHA Northern Conference final.

Thursday also marked the second game in a row which was won by a shot from the Warriors' Bobby Meszaros.

With 6 minutes 21 seconds to play in the third period, David Svezia and Greg Pritchard worked furiously to keep the puck in the Tigers zone and open up a lane for Meszaros, whose slapshot eluded Edwardsville goalie Nick Terry.

The power play again played a role for the Warriors. Down 1-0 in the second period, the Tigers took their only penalty of the game and Granite City went on the advantage. Dustin Wesley drove into the Tigers zone and dug the puck out of the corner. He fed Jared Brown at the point.

Brown's slapper ricocheted straight up off Terry and John Stordahl swatted it out of the air and into the net.

Edwardsville regained the lead and held it until the 3:53 mark of the second period. Granite City freshman Luke Forrester punched the puck into the offensive zone and David Svezia, on the attack, got control behind the net. He fed out front to Forrester, who feathered a perfect pass onto Pritchard's stick. Terry sprawled across the goal-mouth but Pritchard's crisp shot darted over him and hit the twine to tie the game.

Edwardsville took the lead on their only power play minutes later when Jim Singler found the Carl Coleman alone in front and Coleman beat Rollins.

The Warriors equalized again on a goal by sophomore Brett Solberger. Wesley used his exceptional speed to break away down the boards and Stordahl fed him the puck. Wesley

"Game time and facing shots will help both of our sophomore goalies, (Brandon) Rollins and (Ryan) Bronnbauer."

Paul Solberger
Illinois Warriors coach

stayed wide and found Solberger in front for the goal. With the exception of the play that led to Rollins' save, Granite City was successful at clearing its zone and keeping Edwardsville to the outside for the last six minutes of the third period.

The Warriors outshot the Tigers 26-16 for the game. Though he didn't see much action, Rollins was able to step up and make the big play when it counted.

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Solberger said.

Solberger will continue to feature both netminders until one of them steps forward consistently to take command of the position. They will have to stand tall between the pipes if the Warriors hope to repeat as MVCHA champions. The Warriors lost goaltender Robbie Slater, who was the lynchpin of their title run last year, to graduation.

Granite City had yielded six goals to Edwardsville — including four by Coleman — during a 5-4 loss at the Pucks of Power Invitational exhibition game on Oct. 25.

This is the first season the Warriors will be playing in the Northern Division of the newly formed MVCHA Class AA. Collinsville moved to the Southern Division to even out the numbers and keep the Hawks closer to their new home, the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights.

The MVCHA split into four conferences and two classes to accommodate the eight new teams playing varsity for the first time this year. Members of Class A are Waterloo, Triad, Mascoutah, Freeburg, Wood River, Jerseyville, Piassa Southwestern and Highland. Teams in Class A will not play teams in Class AA this season.

The Warriors traveled to Fairview Heights on Tuesday to play Collinsville.

On Saturday, they go to Cahokia to face the Comanches at 5:15 p.m.

Scott steps into leadership role for Warriors hockey club

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because everybody's yelling it."

Just being on the ice seems to be enough to get Scott pumped up as a member of the Granite City Warriors entry in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

"You have to be hitting people right off the start to get it in their heads that you're not going to go out there and just lollygag around," Scott said. "And so when they go into the corners, they hear footsteps behind them and just dump the puck. It causes turnovers. I enjoy hitting a lot. It gets me all excited, I get pumped up."

"For a small guy, he is compact, he is very well-built and solid," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "It's hard to knock a smaller guy like that down because he's so stable, his feet are low to the ground, his center of gravity is low."

"Bob comes back and helps out defensively. He has been a defenseman, so he knows the importance of the defensive role, and now he's playing offense, so you're getting the best of both worlds with a kid like that. He's covering both ends of the ice at 110 percent." And at about 110 miles-per-hour. But that's

not so surprising the way Scott motors in sneakers.

Perhaps the surprise has been Scott's emergence as a leader for the Warriors. "Bobby is a big leader. He is the captain of the team this year," Yurkovich said. "Bobby's enthusiasm is just overwhelming on the bench. It carries over and the other kids take off with it. It really is an uplift when they see him go out and play the way he does."

"It's been a few frustrating years for Bobby. He's had some ups and downs and he's lost his temper at times. But he has controlled that now. He's older, he's more mature, and I think he is a real leader on this team."

"I have to keep all the guys in line," Scott said. "It's my responsibility to talk to the ref if the coach thinks it was a bad call so that the other guys on the team don't get penalties. I have to keep everything in line in the locker room, on the ice and off the ice, and in practice."

Scott's leadership role has become even more pronounced now that the Warriors will spend the next five weeks learning to live without power forward Jon Burns.

"That's going to affect us a lot," Scott said.

"Jon is a big kid who hits real hard. I have to step up and increase my hitting game."

"He's got a very hard shot and he doesn't miss the goal very much, so that's a lot of shots on goal that we aren't going to have."

"He spoke up tonight (against Pattonville) and made a very positive note," Yurkovich said, "that without Jonny, everybody has got to step up and carry the weight for the next eight games until we get Jonny back."

Scott's leadership and play on the ice will go a long way toward determining how successful this tribe of Warriors will be in Mid-States.

"I think we should have a pretty good season," Scott said. "Right now, it's the beginning of the year and we haven't really gelled together yet. Within a couple more games we should come together, we should be winning more games, scoring more goals, and not letting as many goals go in."

"Everybody looks up to Bobby," Yurkovich said. "He is a hard worker who logs a lot of ice time. He is hard to wear down. I'm fortunate to have him and I'm glad he is healthy and strong. I look for a lot of results out of him this year."

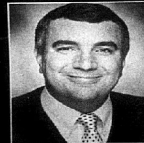
Granite City Warriors (Mid-States Schedule)

Date	Opponent	Rank	Time
Nov. 12	Alton	GC	L
Nov. 16	DuBois	AF	L
Nov. 19	Pattonville	GC	9:00
Nov. 23	McCluer	CH	7:30
Nov. 28	Fort Zumwalt South	NC	7:30
Dec. 3	Hazelwood West	GC	7:00
Dec. 10	Hazelwood East	GC	7:30
Dec. 12	McCluer North	WG	11:00
Dec. 17	Fort Zumwalt North	GC	7:00
Dec. 21	Hazelwood Central	NC	9:00
Dec. 29	St. Charles West	CH	8:15
Jan. 1	St. Mary's	WG	11:00
Jan. 2	Priory	NC	2:30
Jan. 7	Hazelwood Central	GC	7:00
Jan. 14	McCluer North	GC	7:00
Jan. 16	Pattonville	WG	4:30
Jan. 18	Hazelwood West	NC	7:00
Jan. 21	McCluer	GC	7:00
Jan. 24	Hazelwood East	GC	4:45
Jan. 28	St. Charles	CH	7:30

All opponents are from Missouri. Ranks are: GC — Granite City; AF — Affton; NC — North (St. Louis) County Recreation Complex; WG — Webster Groves; CH — U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Chesterfield.
(All times p.m. except Dec. 12 and Jan. 1.)



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Horoscope

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
You'll feel like you can go out and change the whole world while the moon revels with the sun, Mercury and Venus in Virgo. Take advantage of your open, receptive mind and learn a new skill today. Mars in Leo could help to elevate his earthy mood you're in if the serious, Virgo-laden skies get to be too much.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Nov. 27). You are the bright spot in a group and will be praised for your outstanding contribution this year. Start visualizing the improved lifestyle you deserve. October and November are lucky, bringing eric people into your life. One solid contact leads to another, soon, life glows with possibilities. Love in December is precious; treat it gently at first. Taurus and Pisces are exquisite loves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Financial perks make a position more attractive — think about your choices this weekend, and make a move on Monday. Singles date non-stop or travel with spe-



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cial sweethearts. Cancer is especially amorous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Assuming a less frantic pace actually helps you accomplish more. Romance makes a daily duty far more attractive. There are creative benefits if you lend a helping hand this afternoon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Invest more in a talent or skill — you could be a champion. An old friend turns up once again, but your feelings may have changed. You encounter romance while pursuing a study or expanding your social realm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Make time in your busy schedule for some cultural pursuits — you just may fall in love over new cuisine or multicultural art. Don't be worried about meeting a financial deadline; just do the work and things fall into place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's time for you to get in the car and just go! On the road, concerns will dissipate, especially romantic ones. A change of environment refreshes your outlook. Act on a whim, and you get lucky.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Things go better when you are in charge — of course, uncooperative people make your job more difficult. Steady, persistent effort wins out, however. You are especially sexy tonight, so make a date with that special person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A tempestuous love affair wraps you in its seductive excitement — are you sure you need so much drama in your life? Show your class by going out of your way to make friends feel welcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Romance follows you as you show off your creative talents or musical abilities. Self-improvement projects are lucky; be sure to rest your body now. Afternoon activities are entertaining as well as lucrative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take some extra responsibility upon yourself, and projects go without a hitch. Remind your family of scheduling changes, or people go out of their way to no avail. An evening at home is sexy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Forgiveness results in a surge of energy. Temporary employment draws to a close. Support the artistic pursuits of a loved one, even if you're unsure of his or her talent. Love with someone older is a blast.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid striving to impress others — you are already convinced of your superiority in a certain area. Art and literature enrich your life. Romance could take a bizarre twist. Stay on track.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A romance is moving too quickly for you.

Death has a resemblance to Brad Pitt in 'Meet Joe Black'

Media mogul Bill Parrish, a full life behind him and his 65th birthday just ahead, finds himself in an odd situation: He's staring Death in the eye. And when Death stares back, it bears an uncanny resemblance to Brad Pitt. That, in a nutshell, is "Meet Joe Black," a sweet, whimsical tearjerker of a modern fable that makes an admirable dash for excellence but falters just short of the cinematic finish line. Yet that takes nothing away from its capacity to make you think.

voice — a voice he soon learns is that of Death (Pitt), who has knocked off an earnest young lawyer and taken over his body. Seems he wants to experience life; Bill, he believes, is his best bet. Parrish names him Joe — Joe Black.

"You're not death," Parrish scoffs at first. "You're a kid in a suit." But he's quickly convinced, and Bill and Joe's excellent adventure begins. Joe follows Bill everywhere — to family meals, to board meetings, to everywhere but the bathroom. Parrish, though, has a tough time taking orders from anyone but has little choice.

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The Rugrats Movie (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
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Babe (G) 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35
Enemy Of The State (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55
Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 12:50, 4:30, 8:10

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Roth IRAs may look good, but beware of drawbacks

(Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on the Roth IRA.)

Have you ever noticed cows stretching their necks through a fence to eat the grass on the other side? They go to the trouble because the grass is greener over there, of course.

Many traditional IRA investors see the new Roth IRA as a greener pasture. But whether you should hop the conversion fence to open a Roth IRA depends not only upon the Roth's features, but also upon your individual circumstances.

The Roth IRA enables investors to make tax-free withdrawals, rather than just deferring taxes on future investment earnings. On the other hand, you get no tax relief at the time you make contributions to the Roth, because money goes into the account after taxes are paid.

If you convert your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you'll have to pay taxes now on the converted funds, but it could be worth it to receive all future earnings tax-free.

The following questions will



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help you decide whether to convert.

How will you pay the conversion tax? In most cases, conversion will not make sense if you have to take the money out of your IRA to pay the taxes.

What will your future tax bracket be? The advantage of tax-free withdrawals from a Roth IRA is reduced if you expect to be in a much lower tax bracket when you begin withdrawals.

How long will your funds stay in the IRA? The longer you let your IRA money accumulate before

withdrawals, the greater the advantage of the Roth IRA.

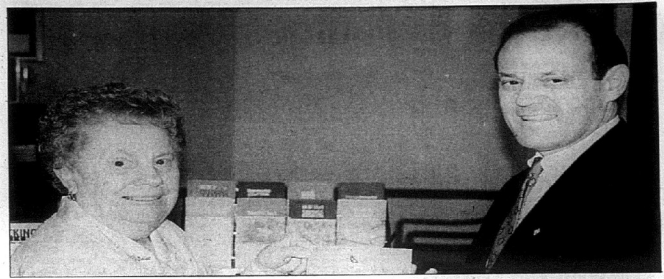
What's the taxable amount in your existing IRA? If you've made primarily nondeductible contributions in the past, it may not cost you much to convert. The lower your tax bite, the wiser conversion might be.

Do you plan to leave your IRA money to heirs? Unlike other IRAs, Roth IRAs do not require that you start taking money out when you reach age 70 1/2. You can let your funds compound tax free for as long as you live and leave money to the next generation.

Although answering the above questions will help you consider whether to choose a Roth, it's a good idea to speak with a financial professional or tax consultant before finalizing any decisions.

That way, you'll be sure you've chosen the "pasture" that's just right for you.

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Welcoming presents

TheBANK of Edwardsville recently held open houses at its Granite City Center, 3830 Namecki Road, and Pontoon Beach Center, 5111 Illinois 111, to celebrate Omni Bank joining TheBANK. Chuck Unger, TheBANK of Edwardsville's community bank president, right, presents a \$500 Series EE Savings Bond to Evelyn Tolliver of Edwardsville, the grand-prize winner at the Pontoon Beach center.

Gary Love honored by United

Van operator Gary Love of Fry-Wagner Moving & Storage Co., a United Van Lines Inc. agency, was honored as a United "Van Operator of the Year" at the company's annual convention held recently at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Fla.

Announcement of the award was made by United President Patrick J. Larch Jr. before an audience of 1,050 agents and suppliers of the van line. Love, of Granite City, was selected among 5,600 van operators as United's Master Lease Fleet Household Goods "Van Operator of the Year." The Master Lease Fleet consists of vans not exclusively dedicated to providing service for United.

Criteria for award are claims prevention, adherence to policies and procedures, an exceptional safety record and overall operating performance.

Put your safety first when out hunting

Illinois hunters are urged to put safety first to avoid accidents resulting in death or injury to themselves or others. Department of Natural Resources Director Brent Manning said recently.

"Many accidents can be prevented if hunters remember basic safety principles and safe hunting practices," Manning said.

Last year there were 38 hunting accidents in Illinois, one of them fatal. In 1997, 26 accidents involved discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting. An additional 12 accidents were a result of other causes, including the fatal accident in which a man fell from a tree stand while deer hunting in Fayette County. In 1996, there were 30 accidents and

four fatalities.

"Nearly a quarter of the hunting accidents reported in Illinois last year involved falls from tree stands," said Manning. "Hunters need to be especially careful in their installation and use of tree stands, and remember that the most important piece of equipment with a tree stand is the safety harness."

Of the 26 accidents last year involving a firearm or bow, seven resulted in self-inflicted injuries, while 13 of those injured were shot by a hunting partner and six were injured by shots from outside their hunting party.

Illinois law requires individuals born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 to successfully complete a Department of Natural Resources free hunter education course

before an Illinois hunting license can be issued.

The course includes instruction on firearms, ammunition and archery, field safety, first aid, hunter responsibility, wildlife identification and conservation, as well as a review of state hunting regulations.

The law requires it for young hunters, but hunters of all ages and experience would benefit from taking the course," said Dave Cassens, IDNR safety education administrator.

Those completing the course and passing the final examination receive a certificate of competency and a graduate patch. A minimum of 10 hours of instruction is involved.

Naney joins HOK firm

Jason Naney of Granite City has joined Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum's Healthcare Focus Group as architectural technician. He currently is working on CAD (computer-aided design) management for the replacement and renovation of facilities at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital.

Naney most recently served as systems designer at Nooter/Eriksen.

He obtained his associate's degree in architectural design drafting and structural technology from Ranken College in St. Louis.

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Avoiding food illnesses a simple task

With the holidays upon us, many homemakers will be cleaning their refrigerators to make room for the holiday foods. As you clean, remember these five tips to help you avoid food-borne illness:

Two hours is the maximum time perishable foods should be at room temperature. Perishable foods include meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, pasta,

rice and cooked vegetables. So, after the holiday meal, refrigerate the leftovers within two hours.

You can refrigerate hot foods — you don't have to wait until they are cool. This idea goes back to when we really had iceboxes and did not want to melt the ice.

Today's refrigerators can handle hot foods. Leave container covers cracked open so food cools faster and

then cover tightly when cooled.

For greater safety and quality, eat take-out food and leftovers in one to two days.

Many take-out food containers are not designed for microwave re-heating. Safe microwave containers include glass, ceramic cookware and those containers labeled safe for microwave use.

Be sure to heat leftovers until steaming hot throughout — 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

You can't always see, smell or taste bacteria that might make you sick. It takes from a half hour to two or more weeks to get sick from contaminated food. So if you have any questions on the safety of the food ... throw it out.

Collinsville Catsup Bottle slated for CMT appearance

The Catsup Bottle Preservation Group of Collinsville is proud to announce the World's Largest Catsup Bottle will be featured on CMT — Country Music Television's 1998 Video Countdown.

Producers were at the bottle site last August for nearly six hours to shoot about two minutes of video

footage. They also interviewed Catsup Bottle Fan Club President Mike Gassmann and "The Catsup Bottle Lady," Judy DeMosey, who a few years ago spearheaded the drive to raise more than \$77,000 to restore the 170-foot, world-renowned landmark water tower.

"We did some interesting

things," said Mike Gassmann. "It was a lot of fun — everybody should get a real kick out of it."

Besides talking about the catsup bottle, Gassmann was also asked to introduce a couple of videos and do a network promotional spot. The show airs at the following times:

Thursday, Nov. 26, at 4

p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m.

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New era

TheBANK of Edwardsville recently held open houses at its Granite City Center, 3830 Namecki Road, and Pontoon Beach Center, 5111 Illinois 111, to celebrate Omni Bank joining TheBANK. Randy Vollmar of TheBANK of Edwardsville's Granite City Center, left, presents a \$500 Series EE Savings Bond to Virgil Tindall of Granite City, the grand prize winner there.

St. Elizabeth School announces honor roll

The following students at St. Elizabeth School in Granite City earned academic honors during the first quarter of the 1998-99 school year.

Honor Roll
Eighth Grade — Jason Ayran, Andy Bisto, Courtney Crews, Julie Dombeck, Katie Hatcher, Andrea Mangi, Nick Puskas, Abel Silva, Laura Stanfill.
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Jolly Quilters sponsor Chouteau quilt show

The Jolly Quilters sponsored a quilt show Sept. 19 at the Chouteau Township Hall. There were 52 quilts entered for judging, with 322 votes being cast.

Several unique quilts were displayed. Included in the displays was a quilt made of wool pieces with an embroidery top stitching and padded with raw sheep wool. A worn place in the top exposed the kinky wool.

A Seven Sisters Cotton top that had been padded with a used blanket, as padding and money to buy it were scarce in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

A World War I quilt top made from men's hat lining scraps from a hat factory was displayed. Also on display was the winning quilt from the club's last show, a beautiful three-inch Cathedral Window,

owned by Dorothy Ashford.

This year's winners included first-place winner Mary Juhasz of Granite City with her beautiful cross stitch rose. She also won the ribbon for Best of Show.

Second and third-place went to a man and wife who work together to make quilts, she pieces them and he quilts them.

Charles and Romana Lofink of Granite City won second place with their "Log Cabin Star Spin" and third place with their "Water Magic."

Those who received honorable mentions were Jean Brassfield with her Cathedral Window, Niki Rodgers with her painted Amish Scenes, and Maxine Duniphan with her "Emroidered Rose and Bud."

Jacksons hold reunion

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Jackson of Madison was the scene on Oct. 11 of a family gathering consisting of all six of their children, plus some grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pictures were taken and a surprise birthday gift was given by all the children to Mrs. Jackson on observance of her upcoming 81st birthday.

A buffet-style meal was enjoyed by Dale Jackson of Los Angeles; David Jackson of Granite City; Bill and Myra Robinson and Shirley Robinson

and son, Anthony, all of Breese; Gary and Janice Jackson of Troy; Alan Roy, Jill and Joshua Jackson of Carbondale; Ray and Cheryl Coulter of Jefferson City, Mo.; Becky Reeves and sons Joseph and Bryan of Granite City; Clarence and Shirley Blackburn and Marjorie Blackburn of Fayetteville; N.C. and Cindy Hardy of Hopewell, Va.

The out-of-state relatives returned to their homes that week.

Madison County Salon meets

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Forty, held its dinner meeting at Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville. Special guest was Donna Miller, Departmental Chapeau of Illinois, from Normal. Accompanying her was a partner, Majorie Martin of Normal.

Zella Emde, Salon 59 Chapeau from Bath, Ind., conducted the meeting. Chapeau Miller spoke of her special project, which is donations to the American Lung Association of Illinois. Monies will go for research in children's lung diseases and also for children to attend the Camp Superkids, held in July for asthmatic children from 8 to 12 years of age.

Two representatives from St. Louis Children's Hospital in its pediatrics department were present and were given 83 handmade pillows for use in that department. Rebecca Courtney, Child Life Activities Assistant, and Stacey Slavacek, Child Life Specialist, told of their programs and special activities for children

in the St. Louis Children's Hospital.

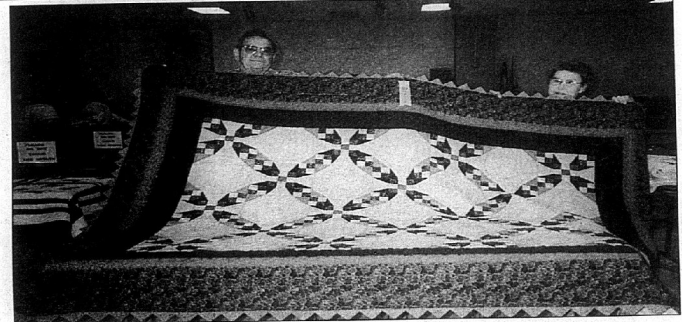
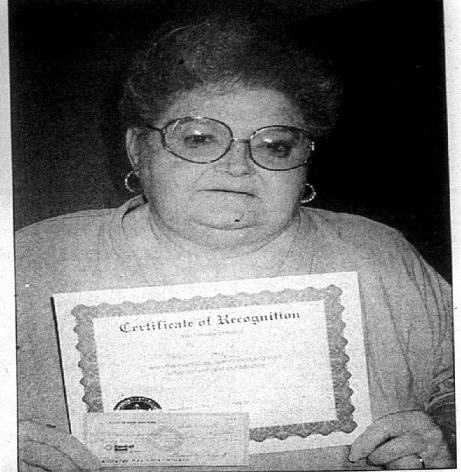
The pillows were made by partners of Madison County Salon 53. Partners also donated items and dittybags to be sent to the National Jewish Asthmatic Hospital in Denver. These bags will be filled with items such as pencils, colors, coloring books, activity books, a small toy and given to patients who are waiting for treatments or for admittance into the N.J. Hospital. A total of 20 bags will be filled. Judy Zimmerman of New Douglas Unit is the Children and Youth Chairman for Salon 53. Four Departmental Chapeau Passes were in attendance: Ruth Hitch of White Hall, Shirley Hall of Sandoval, Judy ZC and New Douglas and Dorothy Hinson of Madison.

Attending from St. Clair Salon were Dianna Pointon, Agnes Hartman, Paula Riggs, Rose Schwabe, Amanda Markesch, Mike Murphee and a guest, Adele Davis of Anaheim, Calif.



The Jolly Quilters of Granite City recently held a quilt show and competition at the Chouteau Township Hall. Clockwise from top left, Mary Juhasz shows off her first-place winning quilt, a Cross-Stitch Rose; Juhasz shows off her certificate for being named best of show; and the third-place quilt, entitled Water Magic, is displayed for the cameras. Quilters from all over the St. Louis area participated in the show and competition.

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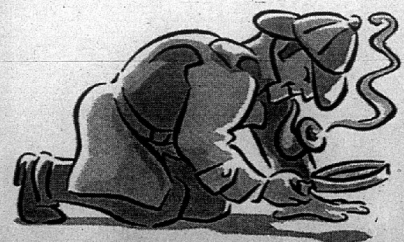
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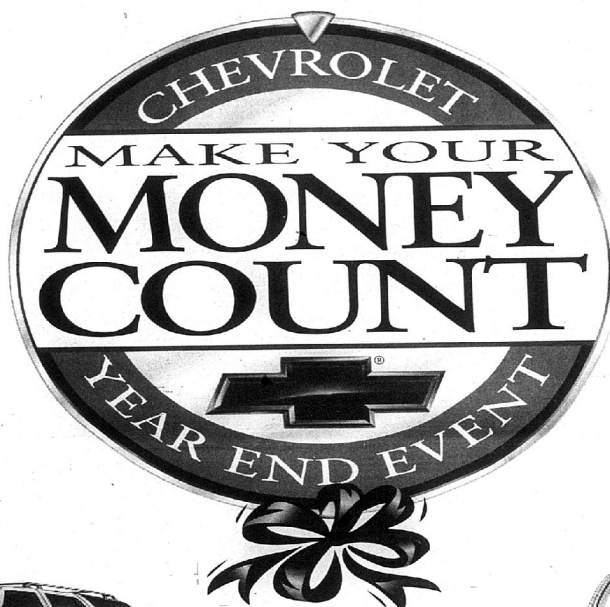
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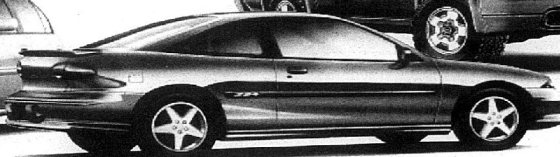
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Nursing scholarship

The Belleville Area College Foundation has announced that Jennifer Creonte of Granite City, center, has been named the winner of the 1998-99 Student Nurse Association Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time nursing education student who has finished at least one semester of nursing classes with at least a 2.50 grade-point average. Flanking Creonte are sponsors Faye Krause, left, and Alice Wrigley.



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Ross Scholarship

Linda Perkins of Marine, right, has been named the winner of the 1998-99 Henry and Edith Ross Endowed Scholarship at Belleville Area College. The scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time, non-traditional student at BAC's Granite City Campus. With Perkins are the scholarship's sponsors, Henry, left, and Edith Ross.

Military News

Army Reserve Pvt. ROBERT P. BEAUSÉJOUR has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



During the training, Beauséjour received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions. Beauséjour is the son of Emile R. and Lee Ann Beauséjour of Granite City.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class STEPHEN K. JOHNSON, a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School, recently reported for duty at Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn. Johnson joined the Navy in August 1986.

Navy Seaman Recruit TABATHA R. MELZER, daughter of Wayne L. and Marquetta M. Melzer of Pontoon Beach, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Melzer completed a variety of training, including classroom study, physical fitness and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Melzer is a 1998 graduate of Edwardsville High School.

Marine Pvt. ERIC B. YEVIN, son of Bernie G. Yevin of Granite City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Yevin successfully completed

12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. In addition to physical conditioning, Yevin learned first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. Yevin is a 1996 graduate of Glenbard North High School of Carol Stream, Ill.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class SCOTT D. PIKESLEY, whose wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Karen Briggs of Granite City, is one of more than 380,000 active duty sailors who celebrated the Navy's 223rd birthday in October. Pikesley is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf with Strike Fighter Squadron 113, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

The 1981 graduate of Lutheran High School South of St. Louis joined the Navy in August 1994.

ADAME E. DUNNAVANT, son of Randy Hunt and Sheree Brennon, both of Granite City, has joined the U.S. Army.

Dunnivant, a 1998 graduate of Granite City Senior High School, reported for duty Oct. 21 for basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Navy Seaman BRYAN K. SHEPPARD, a 1998 graduate of Granite City High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Sheppard completed a variety of training including classroom study, physical fitness and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and

survival and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Navy Seaman JAYSON R. HAXTON, son of Jason Beck and Tina Cardin, both of Granite City, is one of more than 380,000 active duty sailors who celebrated the Navy's 223rd birthday in October. Haxton is currently forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, aboard the amphibious flag ship USS Blue Ridge. Haxton, a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School, joined the Navy in June 1997.

Navy Seaman RAMON A. MITCHELL, son of Patricia Whitcomb of Venice, recently participated in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Mitchell was one of more than 10,000 Sailors, Marines and Airmen who participated in the U.S. Navy Second Fleet exercise off the coast of the southeastern United States. The exercise involved the USS Enterprise Battle Group and USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Both groups are scheduled to deploy to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf this fall. The exercise focused on preparing naval forces for contingencies they may encounter during the sixth-month deployment.

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Pear Pears with Sweet Spices

By Janice Denham
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Anthony and Cleopatra, Donald and Daisy Duck, Lucy and Desi, Bonnie and Clyde are all pairs people recognize. A companionable two-some for the table that might not come immediately to mind is pears and sweet potatoes. This unlikely pairing is a powerhouse of versatility now in its prime.

Sweet potatoes and white potatoes are cousins only in name. True yams are grown in tropical parts of the world, so the "yam" designation in this country usually is a form of sweet potato.

There are two types of sweet potatoes, moist-fleshed (designated by supermarkets as "yams") and dry-fleshed. Moist-fleshed ones are sweeter and moister. The bolder the

orange color, the more the sweet potatoes practically burst with beta carotene, a form of vitamin A. They also come supplied with plentiful vitamin C and potassium. The Center for Science in the Public Interest ranks the sweet potato as most nutritious among 59 vegetables.

All types vary from round to slim and tapering. Choose firm, well-shaped sweet potatoes with bright, smooth, uniformly colored skin. While they do not keep as long as white potatoes, they hold best under similar conditions: Store in a cool, dark, dry place removed from a plastic bag so air circulates around them. As a sweet potato is stored, its starch changes to sugar, creating more sweetness and moistness.

Like other golden vegetables, sweet potatoes have distinctive flavor, so clear flavors complement them. Using the citrus of orange and pineapple and sweet spices of cinnamon and nutmeg with sweet potatoes draws positive reviews. Taking flavor a step further, try lime for the citrus and ginger for the spice.

Pears are a pleasantly flavorful fruit ever expanding in the market more months of the year. Among the first fruits planted by American colonists, pears once were called "butter fruit" because of meltingly soft flesh.

Pears are a good source of potassium and, like other fruits, receive high marks for their fiber. Pears do not ripen on the tree, so are picked when mature, not ripe. That is why supermarket pears can be expected to be firm and need some ripening, which usually takes just a few days. An assortment of scars or minor surface blemishes is routine, but fruit colored by bruises under the skin should not be chosen.

Ripen pears at room temperature. Place them in a paper bag and fold over the top or ripen them in a bowl on the countertop or

table. Color does not indicate ripeness. Ripe pears yield slightly when gentle thumb pressure is applied to the base of the stem. When ripe, pears should be refrigerated.

Like any family, pears span many colors and vary in shape.

Bartlett are the best known. Regular Bartletts ripen to bright yellow, while Red Bartletts become bright red. Both are aromatic and very juicy, so are excellent for fresh eating, as well as cooking. Their color is a bonus in salads and fruit desserts. They are available fresh from U.S. orchards through December, while other varieties are known as winter pears and their fresh season lasts longer.

Anjou (AHN-joo) add beautiful green color to salads. When ripe, they do not change color, but their juiciness and sweetness increase. They are oval in shape with a short neck. The sweet flesh may feel more "gritty" close to the core. Red Anjou look like their twins, only in a different color. Their season lasts through spring, while the green Anjou are available until early summer.

Bosc pears give big rewards, too, in fresh and cooked forms. Golden brown, they are found in the market through May.

Comice is one of the sweetest and juiciest pears. Light green in color with a slight reddish blush, it excellent in desserts and mates well with cheese.

Variations in color do not predict a flavor change. Traditionally these are shipped in gift boxes for winter holidays. They

often are ready to be eaten at the same time they arrive. They do not keep well in cold storage, so it is best to enjoy them quickly.

Seckel pears are tiny in size, ultra-sweet in flavor. They match small appetites or can be pickled.

For a free booklet of cookbook author Holly Clegg's Louisiana-style recipes for yams, write to: H. Clegg, c/o Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission, P.O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-2550. "Gallery of Great Recipes" is a new brochure with more ways to enjoy pears. To receive a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Pear Bureau Northwest, Studio EC, 4382 SE International Way, Milwaukie, Ore. 97222.

These recipes mix the heartiness and sweetness of both sweet potatoes and pears. While the union may sound as distinctive as a marriage between Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra, this pairing of foods could become a match for all seasons and years to come.



Food flavors that match well are handy to use year-round, especially when the ingredients are healthy as individuals. In addition to using pears with sweet potatoes in soup, salad, dessert and as a main dish, they are good sold baked in phyllo dough, available ready-to-use from the freezer compartment of most supermarkets.

UPSIDE-DOWN PEAR YAM CAKE

- 3 fresh pears, cored, peeled, thinly sliced (about 3 cups)
- 40 caramels
- 1 tsp. margarine
- 1/3 cup skim milk
- 1 box (2 layer) reduced-fat yellow cake mix (on can (15 oz.) sweet potatoes, drained, mashed)
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1-1/3 cups water
- 1 egg
- 3 egg whites

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 13-by-9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray and dust with flour.

Slice pear halves and arrange along bottom of pan.

In small saucepan over low heat or in microwave oven, combine caramels, margarine and milk. Heat or microwave (on high power 2 to 3 minutes), stirring often, until melted and smooth. Pour mixture evenly and carefully over pears.

In large bowl, combine cake mix, mashed potato, cinnamon, nutmeg, oil, water, egg and egg whites, mixing until well blended. Spoon evenly over pears.

Bake in preheated oven 35 to 40 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 5 minutes. Loosen edges with knife. Invert onto large serving platter.

Serve hot, if desired.

Makes 18 servings.

BAKED PEARS, HAM AND SWEETS

- 2 ripe Anjou or Bosc pears
- 4 small sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled, or 1 can (15 oz.) sweet potatoes, drained
- Ham rolls
- Whole cloves
- 2 tsp. butter or margarine, melted
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup orange juice or cherry
- 1 tsp. prepared mustard

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Ham rolls: Sauté 1/4 cup chopped onion and 1/4 cup chopped celery in 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine. Toss with 1-1/2 cups cornbread stuffing mix and 2 tablespoons hot water until moistened. Spread each of 4 slices (1/8-inch thick) cooked ham with stuffing. Roll jellyroll-style, using toothpicks to secure if necessary.

Halve and core pears. Arrange pears, sweet potatoes and ham rolls in baking dish. Stud each ham roll with 2 whole cloves.

Heat butter, brown sugar, orange juice and mustard until sugar dissolves. Spoon over ingredients in dish. Bake in preheated oven 40 minutes or until pears are tender, basting occasionally with glaze.

Makes 4 servings.

SWEET YAM SOUP

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 2 tsp. oil
- 3 cups peeled, cubed sweet potato
- 2 cups peeled, cubed Anjou or Bosc pear
- 4 cups reduced-sodium, defatted chicken broth
- 1/2 cup vermouth
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 tsp. shredded orange peel
- 1/2 tsp. leaf thyme
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup low-fat yogurt
- 1 Anjou or Bosc pear, cored, cut in 12 slices

In 5-quart saucepan over medium heat, sauté onion and celery in oil about 10 minutes until tender but not browned. Add sweet potato, pear, chicken broth, vermouth, cinnamon and thyme. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 35 to 45 minutes until sweet potato is tender.

Remove cinnamon. Blend in several batches in food processor or blender until smooth. Return to saucepan. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

Serve hot with dollop of yogurt on top. Garnish each portion with 2 slices pear.

Makes 6 servings.

POTATO SALAD

- 2 lb. sweet potatoes, peeled, cubed
- 3 fresh pears
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 cup toasted pecans
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup light mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- Salt to taste

In saucepan, cook sweet potatoes in boiling water 8 to 10 minutes until just tender. Do not overcook. Drain. Let cool.

Core pears and cut in chunks. Toss with lemon juice. In large bowl, mix with cooled yams. Mix gently with pecans, celery and raisins.

In small bowl, mix together mayonnaise, honey, ginger and salt. Pour over yam mixture, mixing gently to coat salad.

Serve immediately or refrigerate.

Makes 8 servings.

BAKED PEARS IN PHYLLO

- 4 pears, cored from bottom, stem intact if desired
- 20 sheets (10 inch squares) phyllo dough
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted, or butter-flavor nonstick cooking spray
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 tsp. cream cheese, if desired
- Topping, if desired

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cover phyllo with damp cloth and work quickly to keep it from drying out.

Sprinkle a few pecans in cavity of individual pears. Cream cheese can be divided and placed in cavity, too.

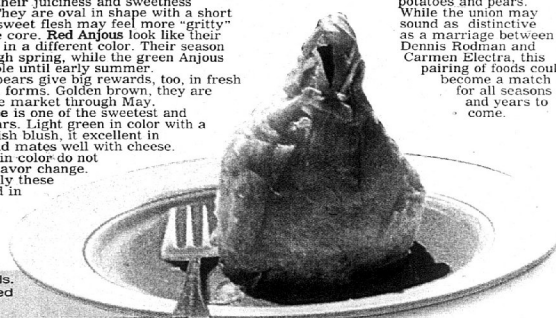
Using brush, spread melted margarine on first sheet of phyllo, or coat with cooking spray. Repeat until 5 sheets have been placed unevenly on top of one another.

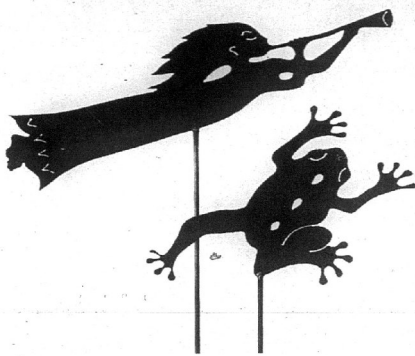
Place pear in center of sheets. Sprinkle with one-fourth brown sugar and remaining pecans. Wrap apple in dough and twist together at top. Repeat process with remaining pears.

Brush with Topping or coat outside of phyllo with more nonstick cooking spray. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until dough is golden brown.

Topping: Heat 2 tablespoons apricot preserves, 2 teaspoons margarine and 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon.

Makes 4 servings.





Steel angel and frog provide classic beauty year-round for garden.

Angel and frog stand guard duty at favorite garden

Inspired by classic weathervanes and early American folk art, these weathered-steel, handcrafted silhouettes are useful before and after the holidays.

For a lovely Christmas gift, add the graceful angel to a potted poinsettia. When spring rolls around, she'll look lovely indoors or out. The whimsical frog jumps out as a finishing touch to a water garden or peeks from a container garden on a porch or patio.

Each silhouette is hand-cut from a thick sheet of steel and allowed to oxidize to a soft, rustic finish. Either looks lovely in a bed of colorful flowers or bedded among an array of indoor plants. It draws the eye without distracting from the beauty of the

flowers.

The Garden Angel measures 12 inches long by 4 inches tall and is mounted on a 24-inch steel rod. The Garden Frog, also mounted on a 24-inch steel rod, measures 9 inches long by 4 inches tall.

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Fowl chances to fly away slight in fall

By Libby Mills
Correspondent

This is the only time of year when an outdoorsman can get away with a "big one got away" story about turkey. Those turkeys that outsmart hunters may not be on today's table, but other members of the fowl

family adorn plates through the whole winter season. Pheasant, quail, dove and Cornish hen are among the usual. Goose and duck have more fat than the others. Many can be ordered through a local butcher or meat market, but frozen Cornish hens are readily available at most supermarkets.

For savory effect, soak the bird in a brine, marinade or rub it with a blend of herbs and spices. These birds usually are small, so are easy to stuff with whole grain breads, couscous, wild rice, berries or dried fruit.

To present it neatly, tie up the package. Begin by tucking each wing tip behind the back and finish by tying the legs together at the bony end.

Roasting it breast-up guarantees a beautiful presentation. For a picture-perfect presentation when using stuffing, lasso the bird with twine.

Before tucking in the skin, place a slice of bread over the stuffing in the neck end of the cavity. If the skin is tucked and secured with a skewer, the bread is optional. Treat the opening on the other end the same way.

Bring the skin on the sides as close to each other as possible. Lace the large

cavity closed, then synch the legs close. Registered dietitian Libby Mills is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

CORNISH HEN L'ORANGE

- 1 small Cornish hen
- 1 slice onion
- Pinch paprika
- 1/2 cup or 1 can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 tsp. plus 1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350°. Remove any giblets or kidneys. Wash bird inside and outside. Pat dry with paper towel.

Place onion inside cavity. Fold back wings and tie legs together. Place bird breast-up on roasting rack in baking pan. Sprinkle lightly with paprika.

Roast in preheated oven 45 minutes per pound or until leg moves up and down easily. During last 10 minutes of roasting, raise oven temperature to 400°.

While hen roasts, bring juice concentrate, soy sauce, brown sugar, parsley, ginger, water and raisins to boil in small saucepan. Lower heat. Simmer 1 minute. Divide in half.

During last 15 minutes of cooking, baste birds with half the orange sauce.

Revive turkey dinner safely

By Mary Schroeffer
Correspondent

Within two hours after pulling the turkey from the oven, it is time to freeze or refrigerate all the remains of the feast. Perishable foods — like turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cooked vegetables, custard pie, including pumpkin — should not stand at room temperature more than two hours.

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TURKEY VEGETABLE SOUP WITH ANGEL HAIR PASTA

- 8 cups canned or homemade chicken or turkey broth
- 2 shallots, peeled, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled, minced
- 2 ribs celery, thinly sliced
- 1/2 oz. dried mushroom pieces, rehydrated
- 2 oz. uncooked angel hair or capelli d'angelo pasta
- 1 cup finely chopped, cooked turkey
- 3 tsp. finely minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp. ground pepper to taste

Bring broth to simmer in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add shallot, carrot, celery and mushrooms. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Add pasta. Cook 4 to 5 minutes longer until pasta is al dente. Stir in turkey and parsley. Cook 1 to 2 minutes until all ingredients are heated through. Season with pepper. Serve hot.

Note: To rehydrate dried mushrooms, cover with warm water and let stand 15 minutes. Rinse under additional water, if necessary.

Makes 4 to 6 servings (8 cups); 163 calories, 14 g protein, 5 g fat, 15 g carbohydrate, 1,648 mg sodium and 22 mg cholesterol each, based on 5 servings and canned broth.

WISE WAYS

Longer times at room temperature allow dangerous food spoilage bacteria to multiply, which can make people sick. Here are other tips for safe keeping of foods:

• Refrigerate leftovers in shallow pans promptly so food cools thoroughly and quickly. Do not overstuff the refrigerator. Be sure air can circulate between all the containers in the refrigerator.

• For refrigerator storage, wrap turkey and stuffing separately. Use within two days. For freezer storage, wrap turkey in heavy aluminum foil, freezer bags or freezer boxes. Label. For best flavor, use stuffing within one month and turkey meat within two months.

• Thaw frozen turkey in the refrigerator. Do not thaw on a countertop. Thawing foods at room temperature also allows bacteria to multiply faster at the warmer temperature.

• Reheat gravy to a rolling boil before serving. Heat leftover casserole, stuffing and creamed dishes until piping hot. Lukewarm temperatures are not hot enough to kill all bacteria.

For a light main dish after the heavy feast, Butterball Turkey offers the easy turkey soup recipe.

Tailgate specialties field winning food game plan

Tailgating is an autumn sport. Whether the supposed reason is football, field hockey or soccer, surprise players and fans with Rocky Road Tasty Team Treats.

These great-tasting chocolate-y snack bars, easy to prepare and transport, can be served right from pan. Start with a crushed pretzel crust, then layer pecans, marshmallows and mini Kisses baking pieces. This combination scores with all sports enthusiasts, whether

they usually reach for sweet treats or prefer salty flavors.

Another autumn specialty is Sweet Potato Pie. This one uses canned yams and any unbaked pie shell, making it an easy-to-do sweet similar to pumpkin pie.

ROCKY ROAD TASTY TEAM TREATS

1 1/2 cups finely crushed, thin

- pretzels or pretzel sticks
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed (not evaporated) milk
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) mini Kisses marshmallow baking pieces
- 3 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans or pecan pieces

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

Combine pretzels and melted butter in small

bowl. Press evenly on bottom of prepared pan.

Spread sweetened condensed milk evenly over pretzel layer, then layer evenly in order, with baking pieces, marshmallows and pecans. Press down firmly onto pecan/marshmallow layer.

Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Cut in bars. Makes about 36 bars.

NEVER-FAIL SWEET POTATO PIE

- 3/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 can (15 oz.) cut yams, drained, mashed
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 tsp. salt

1 (9 inch) unbaked pie shell

Preheat oven to 400°. Cream butter with sugar. Stir in eggs. Add sweet potatoes. Mix well. Add cinnamon and cornstarch.

Stir in milk, vanilla and salt until thoroughly mixed. Pour into pie shell. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Lower heat to 350°. Cook 20 to 30 minutes until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 8 servings.

Recipes

HEAT-AND-GO THAI SALAD

- 3/4 lb. sirloin steak
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup rice vinegar or white wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 fresh jalapeno or serrano pepper, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. minced ginger root
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen French-style green beans, thawed, drained
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced, halved
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, sliced
- 4 cups cooked brown rice

Chopped fresh mint leaves, if desired

Partially freeze steak; slice across grain in 1/4-inch strips. Place in large bowl. In small bowl, combine all but 1 tablespoon oil with

vinegar, soy sauce, half the jalapeno, garlic, ginger and red pepper. Pour over beef. Marinate 1 hour. Drain beef, discarding marinade.

Heat remaining 1

tablespoon oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook beef and remaining jalapeno 3 to 5 minutes until no longer pink.

Combine beef, liquid from skillet, beans, carrot, cucumber and rice in large bowl. Toss to coat. Sprinkle with mint.

Makes 6 servings; 296 calories, 18 g protein, 8 g fat, 38 g carbohydrate, 38 mg cholesterol, 565 mg sodium and 3 g dietary fiber each.

OVEN STEW

- 2 lb. boneless sirloin steak, cut in 1 inch cubes
- 2 large onions, quartered
- 2 cans (14.5 oz. each) stewed tomatoes

- 2 tsp. beef bouillon granules
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 4 tsp. quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 ribs celery, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 5 medium potatoes, peeled, quartered
- 3 large carrots, cut in 1 inch pieces

Preheat oven to 350°. In large skillet over medium heat coated with nonstick cooking spray, brown meat.

Place onion, tomatoes, beef bouillon, water, tapioca, garlic powder, parsley and bay leaf in large oven-safe Dutch oven. Heat over medium-high heat until mixture boils.

Add browned beef. Roast, covered, in preheated oven 1 1/2 hours.

Add salt and pepper, celery, potato and carrot. Bake, covered, 1 1/2 hours longer.

Recipe

LIGHTER APPLESAUCE FRUITCAKE

- 3 cups unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup light olive oil
- 4 1/2 cups flour
- 8 oz. pitted prunes, coarsely chopped
- 8 oz. raisins
- 4 oz. candied orange peel, chopped
- 4 oz. preserved pineapple, coarsely chopped
- 4 oz. walnuts, chopped
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. cloves

The night before making

fruitcake or up to 2 days ahead, combine applesauce, sugar and oil in large, deep saucepan. Bring to boil over medium-high heat.

Reduce heat. Boil gently, stirring often with long-handled spoon to prevent sticking; mixture will spatter. Let cool.

Refrigerate until ready to use, then bring to room temperature.

Preheat oven to 275°. Coat three (5-cup) medium loaf pans (8-by-4-inches each) with nonstick cooking spray. Line pans with baking parchment or waxed paper.

In large bowl, toss 1/2 cup flour with prunes, raisins, orange peel, pineapple and walnuts to coat fruit and nuts.

In another bowl, sift remaining flour with baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg

cup sour cream, 1/4 cup chopped onion or green onion, 1 teaspoon celery seed, 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley, 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives and, if desired,

and cloves. Fill into fruit. Using spatula, fold applesauce mixture into dry ingredients until batter is evenly moist.

Fill prepared pans two-thirds full with batter. Tap pans sharply on counter to eliminate air pockets.

Bake in preheated oven about 2 1/2 hours until toothpick inserted in center of loaves comes out clean. Cool in pans 20 minutes.

Turn out of pans onto racks to cool completely. Wrap loaves in plastic, then in aluminum foil. Serve within 3 to 4 days. Can be refrigerated or frozen longer.

Mini Muffins: Pack batter firmly in mini muffin pans. Bake in preheated 275° oven 1 1/2 hours.

1/4 cup chopped pimento or radish. Mix well. Chill. Dollop over deli-sliced corned beef served on sliced mini rye bread.

BLUE RIDGE KRAUT RELISH

Combine 1 can (14 ounces) sauerkraut, drained, with 1/2

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Stuffed: non-secret word for bird, crowd and 'frig'

By Betty Serati
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"Stuffed" is a favorite word for today for more than the turkey. It describes how people feel after the big meal. It also tells how the refrigerator looks after cleaning up the extras after feasting.

MICRO RAVES

The next question is what to do with all the leftovers of potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dressing and, of course, turkey.

Hot turkey sandwiches taste great the first day, but turkey reruns do not always play to enthusiastic crowds. Combine a little creativity with a microwave oven and win continued applause for this star player.

Here are a few quick ideas:

- Dice cooked turkey. Use in place of meat or seafood in a chicken or tuna salad recipe. Serve hot on toast points.
- Make tasty snacks by mixing diced turkey with shredded Swiss cheese and spooning on crackers. Microwave a dozen crackers on medium-high

(70 percent) power about 1 minute until cheese melts.

• Warm diced turkey in prepared alfredo sauce. Serve straight from the microwave oven over hot cooked fettuccine noodles.

These ideas for tacos and pastry cups give new roles for what might be considered a has-been.

Betty Serati specializes in microwave cooking.

TURKEY TACOS

- 3 cups finely diced, cooked turkey
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 pkg. (1 1/2 oz.) taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 8 taco shells
- 1 cup taco sauce
- 4 cups shredded lettuce
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream

In bowl, combine turkey and onion. Stir in seasoning mix and water. Mix well. Microwave on medium-high (70 percent) power 3 to 4 minutes until hot. Heat taco shells in

microwave oven on high power 2 to 2 1/2 minutes until warm.

Fill shells with meat mixture, taco sauce, lettuce, tomato, cheese and sour cream.

Makes 8 servings.

TURKEY PASTRY CUPS

- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup diced turkey
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
- 4 pastry cups, baked

In medium bowl, microwave butter on high power about 30 seconds until melted. Stir in flour. Cook on high power 30 seconds longer.

Gradually stir in milk. Cook on high power 2 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thickened and smooth.

Stir in turkey. Cook on high power 1 minute until hot. Stir in Swiss cheese. Cook on medium power 1 to 2 minutes until melted.

A BOOKWORM'S SUB SANDWICH

Start a new chapter with some food for thought. Layer a split submarine roll with

slices of ham, salami, mozzarella cheese and provolone cheese. Top with

prepared mustard, lettuce, sliced tomato, sliced black olives and pickle chips.



American Pilgrims would find the day-after meal hard to recognize, but modern taste buds appreciate an imaginative break with cool Thai Turkey Noodles or curry-flavored Mulligatawny.

Turkey makes wide U-turn into fast lane with flavor

The quest for a perfect turkey leftover dish pursues the bird from the refrigerator to the plate over the next couple days. To use cooked turkey beyond that, freeze it in useful portions.

These noodles are a cool antidote to the heat in the kitchen on Thanksgiving. A take-off on the increasingly popular Oriental noodle salad, this recipe incorporates leftover turkey into a soothing tangle of linguine, colorful bell pepper and sliced scallion. The sweet and mild curry flavor of this Indian-inspired soup long has made it a popular choice for luncheons across America. In this rendition, turkey replaces the traditional chicken, while bountiful vegetables and a touch of apple lend a harvest hue and taste.

- 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey, cut in thin strips
- Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain. Cool under cold running water.

In large bowl, toss together linguine with peanut oil. Add red and yellow peppers, scallion and turkey. Toss to mix. Add Peanut Sauce. Toss again to coat noodles evenly. Chill at least 2 hours before serving.

Peanut Sauce: In food processor, combine 2 cloves garlic, minced; 2 tablespoons minced ginger root; 1/4 cup light soy sauce, and 1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar until combined. Add 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter. Process until smooth.

With machine running, add 2 tablespoons sesame seed oil and 1/4 cup lime juice in thin stream. Add several drops chili oil or pinch of red pepper to suit taste. Finally, add 1/4 cup water to thin sauce. Sauce can be used at once or stored in refrigerator up to 1 week.

Makes 6 servings; 321 calories, 9 g protein, 15 g fat, 39 g carbohydrate, 460 mg sodium and no cholesterol each.

- 2 carrots, peeled, diced
- 3 ribs celery, minced
- 1 Granny Smith apple,

peeled, diced

- 1 large potato, peeled, diced
- 1 to 1 1/2 tbsp. high-quality curry powder
- 6 to 7 cups turkey or chicken broth
- 1 can (14 oz.) diced tomato
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey, cut in 1/2 inch dice

Heat oil over medium-high heat in medium soup pot. Saute onion, carrot, celery, apple and potato 7 to 10 minutes until softened. Stir in curry powder. Cook and stir 1 minute longer.

Stir in broth and undrained tomato. Season with salt. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are very tender.

Puree soup in blender or food processor until smooth. Return it to soup pot. Stir in cream and turkey. Heat over low heat. Serve hot.

Makes 6 to 8 servings; 203 calories, 4 g protein, 14 g fat, 16 g carbohydrate, 1,052 mg sodium and 23 mg cholesterol each, based on 7 servings.

THAI TURKEY NOODLES

- 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey, cut in thin strips
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded, cut in thin strips
- 1 bunch scallions, trimmed, sliced thin diagonally

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- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, minced

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Today's Food

Fall fruit crisps follow sweet path to enjoyment for healthful munching

There is no better way to enjoy the sweet/tart flavor of fall fruits than in a mouth-watering, crumbly fruit crisp. It is much easier to prepare than pie and has less added fat. Calories stay down while vitamins, minerals and fiber from the fruit increase.

While traditional crisp recipes call for butter or margarine to be cut in,

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and tossing small amounts with the topping ingredients seems to make these high-fat ingredients go further because the fat is distributed more evenly. Fiber in the topping comes from whole grains, such as oats or whole wheat flour. Adding powdered skim milk to crumb toppings is an easy way to add calcium and extra protein, as well as flavor.

For pear and cherry crisp, drain 1 can (16 ounces) tart red cherries packed in water, reserving ½ cup juice. In a large bowl, toss the cherries and reserved juice with ½ cup sugar.

In a small bowl, stir together 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and 3 cups peeled, cored, thinly cut

pear (about 1 pound).

Combine with the cherry mixture, then place in an ungreased 2-quart square baking dish.

Combine 1½ cups low-fat granola with 2 tablespoons margarine, melted, and sprinkle over the fruit. Bake in a preheated 375° oven about 30 minutes.

This is best served warm. Pears and cranberries are another fantastic combination.

Try the season's best apples in a delicious fruit combination, accented with lemon and cinnamon. First, mix together ½ cup packed brown sugar, ½ cup uncooked oats, 3 tablespoons whole wheat flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and 2 tablespoons margarine, melted.

Sprinkle this topping over 6 cups chopped fruit — half apples, half another fruit, such as frozen rhubarb (barely thawed) or fresh pear. Toss the mixture with ½ cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour and 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind. Bake in a preheated 375° oven 40 to 50 minutes.

The lemon and ginger flavors of this Pear Crisp are outstanding.

Registered dietitian Melanie Polk reviews this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.

PEAR CRISP

- 8 pears, cored, sliced
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp. grated ginger root or 1 tsp. ground ginger
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 4 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 5 tbsp. whole wheat flour
- ¾ cup uncooked old-fashioned or quick oats
- 4 tbsp. nonfat dry milk
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2½ tbsp. butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease 1½-quart souffle or baking dish.

In mixing bowl, toss pears with lemon juice, lemon rind and ginger. Mix together granulated sugar and all-purpose flour. Toss with pears. Spoon into prepared dish.

Mix together brown sugar, whole wheat flour, oats, dry milk and cinnamon. Using knives or pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs.

Sprinkle over pear mixture. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 45 minutes until pears are tender and mixture is bubbling.

Serve hot or warm. Makes 8 servings, 266 calories and 5 g fat each.

Pumpkin mousse fills elegant chocolate cups

As evenings call for a fire in the fireplace and trees turn into silhouettes without leaves, thoughts turn to quiet dinners at home. With hectic holidays ahead, family appetites will look forward to favorite meals and desserts. For a new and tempting contrast, try a tasty combination of semisweet chocolate and pumpkin with Mini Kisses Pumpkin Mousse Cups.

This light, creamy dessert is prepared in a microwave oven. Simply coat the inside of paper baking cups with melted semisweet baking pieces, then refrigerate them. When the chocolate is set, gently remove paper liners to create an elegant chocolate cup. Fill with an easy-to-make pumpkin mousse and garnish with mini Kisses baking pieces.

Pumpkin Mousse Cups are easy to serve, too, because they come straight from the refrigerator to satisfy that sweet tooth at any type of fall gathering. from a cozy dinner at home to a hearty Thanksgiving

day feast.

PUMPKIN MOUSSE CUPS

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) mini Kisses semisweet baking pieces
- 24 marshmallows
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup canned pumpkin
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- ½ cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 cup cold whipping cream

Line 10 muffin cups (2½-inch diameter) with paper liners.

Place 1½ cups baking pieces in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power 1 minute or until melted when stirred. Stir to determine melted state; do not use sight alone. Mixture should be thick.

Using soft pastry brush, very thickly coat inside of paper liners

with melted chocolate. Refrigerate 10 minutes. Coat very thin spots with chocolate, reheating chocolate if necessary to soften on high power 30 seconds. Refrigerate about 2 hours until firm.

Gently peel off paper. Refrigerate chocolate cups until ready to fill.

Place marshmallows, milk and pumpkin in medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power 1 minute. Stir. Microwave 30 seconds more at a time, stirring after each heating, until mixture is melted and smooth.

Stir in vanilla and pumpkin pie spice. Cool completely.

Beat confectioner's sugar and whipping cream until stiff. Fold into pumpkin mixture.

Fill chocolate cups with pumpkin mousse. Garnish with reserved semisweet pieces. Refrigerate, covered, 2 hours or until firm.

Note: Marshmallow mixture also can be heated over low heat on stovetop.

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Rainbow of menus nibbles at mountain of leftovers

By Dana Jacobi
Correspondent

Many people hold Thanksgiving dinner leftovers in higher esteem than the feast itself. As a long-time turkey lover, I always plan for a bird large enough to satisfy post-feast nibbling and still leave enough meat to make another meal of hash, stir-fry, shepherd's pie, turkey-studded Waldorf salad, zingy fajitas, enchilada pie, aromatic curry, old-fashioned croquettes or creamy turkey tetrazzini. This year's plan is to

make a colorful stew. It will contain sweet potatoes, carrots, cranberries for tart counterpoint, an apple, and be perfumed with thyme. If unexpected guests show up the day I serve it, adding some of the turkey stock I make from the carcass will turn this stew serving four into a soup for at least six. Leftovers must receive proper treatment. Wrap and refrigerate leftover turkey within 2 hours of serving it. To accomplish this, after the turkey platter has circulated for third helpings, I package what is left in plastic wrap or in

self-sealing plastic bags. While everyone pauses before dessert is served, I remove all the meat remaining from the carcass and refrigerate that, too. As a guide for planned leftovers, figure one pound of turkey produces three cups diced meat. This furnishes four to six servings. Dana Jacobi — author of "Best of Claypot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: Soy!" — submits this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.



If the holiday turkey looms with many leftovers, create a platoon of makeovers, like Turkey Stew.

TURKEY STEW

- 1 tbsp. oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, sliced crosswise 3/4 inch thick

- 1 rib celery, sliced crosswise 3/4 inch thick
- 1 small rutabaga, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups hot chicken or turkey stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 apple, peeled, cored, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled, cut in 3/4 inch half-moons
- 3 cups diced, cooked turkey
- 1/2 cup fresh, frozen or dried cranberries
- 1/2 tsp. thyme

- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Preheat oven to 375°
- In small Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Sauté onion about 4 minutes until softened. Add carrot,

- celery and rutabaga. Cover tightly. Cook over medium-low heat 10 minutes. Add stock and bay leaf. Bake stew, covered, in preheated oven 10 minutes. Add apple, sweet potato, turkey, cranberries and

- thyme. Bake, covered, 15 to 20 minutes until vegetables are done and turkey is heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with cooked noodles or rice. Makes 4 servings.

Recipes

MUSHROOM CAPS WITH CORNBREAD STUFFING

- 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 2 ribs celery, minced
- 6 cups cornbread stuffing

- crumbs
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained (6 cups)
- 5 oz. thinly sliced prosciutto or ham, minced
- 3/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 2 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 6 tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

- 8 medium portobella mushroom caps
- Preheat oven to 325°
- Melt butter in medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onion and celery 5 to 7 minutes until softened.
- In large bowl, combine stuffing crumbs with onion and celery, spinach, prosciutto and 1/2 cup cheese. Moisten with broth and 3 tablespoons olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Brush mushroom caps on both sides with remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil. Arrange stem-side up on large baking sheet. Mound generous amount of stuffing into each cap and sprinkle

- remaining 1/4 cup cheese on tops.
- Place extra stuffing in casserole dish and bake alongside mushrooms.
- Bake stuffed mushrooms in preheated oven 40 to 45 minutes until mushrooms are tender and stuffing is crisped and browned.
- Makes 8 servings plus extra stuffing; about 511 calories, 19 g protein, 23 g fat, 60 g carbohydrate, 1,561 mg sodium and 32 mg cholesterol each.

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- 2 tsp. coarsely ground pepper
- 8 oz. uncooked plain and/or spinach fettuccine
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- Blanched matchstick-cut carrots, asparagus spears or broccoli florets for garnish, if desired
- Grated parmesan cheese
- Cook fettuccine according

- to package directions. Drain.
- Break salmon into large chunks. Remove skin, if desired.
- Heat olive oil in large skillet. Sauté garlic until golden. Add parsley, oregano, basil and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. Sauté 30 seconds.
- Toss half the herb sauce with fettuccine. Arrange on large, heated platter. Keep warm.
- Add salmon and lemon juice to remaining sauce. Heat, stirring gently, until seafood is just hot. Spoon over hot fettuccine. Garnish with vegetables. Serve with parmesan cheese. Yields 6 servings.

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- immediately top with second slice of toast. Sandwich has about 170 calories, 7 g fat and 35 mg cholesterol made with 1 slice bread.

Recipe

GOLDEN BARS

- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 can (15 oz.) cut sweet potatoes, drained and mashed, or 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 can (16 oz.) chocolate frosting
- Preheat oven to 350°
- Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt.
- In another bowl, combine eggs, sweet potato, sugar and oil. Beat until well combined. Add dry ingredients. Beat until well combined. Stir in chocolate chips.
- Spread batter in ungreased 15-by-10-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated oven 25 to 30 minutes. Cool.
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CEREAL FUEL

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. margarine or butter (not spread or tub product)
- 1/2 tsp. light corn syrup
- 1 cup corn Chex cereal
- 1 cup rice Chex cereal
- 1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips

In large microwave-safe bowl, cook brown sugar, margarine and corn syrup on high power up to 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute, until margarine is melted. Stir in baking soda until dissolved.

Stir in corn and rice cereals. Microwave on high power 3 minutes, stirring every minute. Spread on cookie sheet covered with waxed paper.

Cool 10 minutes. Break into bite-size pieces.

Microwave chocolate chips in small bowl on high power 1 1/2 minutes until chocolate can be stirred smoothly; bowl will be hot. Drizzle over cereal.

Refrigerate 30 minutes until chocolate is set.

Note: For pretzel or peanut lovers, stir in 1 cup broken pretzels or 1/2 cup honey-roasted peanuts with cereal.

Filling. Fold bottom of tortilla up over filling and sides, then roll up to close.

ITALIAN-STYLE FRITTATA

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cups yolk-free egg product, or 6 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cups (6 oz.) grated Italian cheese blend
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed dry
- 1/2 cup diced, drained, bottled, roasted red pepper
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh or 2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. salt, if desired
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, if desired
- 1/4 cups spaghetti sauce

Preheat oven to 350°.

Cool 10-inch nonstick skillet with olive oil-flavored nonstick cooking spray. In skillet over medium heat, cook garlic 2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In medium bowl, combine egg product, 1 cup cheese, spinach, red pepper, basil, salt and red pepper. Mix well.

Four egg mixture into skillet. Stir once. Flatten with back of spatula. Cook 2 minutes or until edge of frittata begins to set.

If skillet is not ovenproof, wrap handle with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated oven about 15 minutes until set in center.

Using rubber or plastic spatula, carefully loosen frittata from pan. Place serving plate over skillet and flip over frittata onto plate. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.

TURKEY-WALNUT SALAD WRAPS

- 4 fat-free flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/8 tsp. dill
- 1/2 cups diced or shredded, cooked turkey
- 1/2 cup shredded romaine or iceberg lettuce
- 1 tsp. sliced green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- Salt and pepper, if desired

Remove tortillas from refrigerator. Let stand at room temperature while preparing filling.

In medium bowl, mix together mayonnaise, lemon juice and dill until smooth and creamy. Stir in turkey, lettuce, green onion and walnuts. Season with salt and pepper.

Divide filling between tortillas. Fold sides over

GRILLED SWEET POTATOES

- 3 tbsp. orange juice
- 2 tsp. honey
- 3/4 tsp. margarine
- 2 sweet potatoes, each cut lengthwise in 4 wedges or in rounds 1/2 inch thick

Cook unpeeled sweet potatoes on high power 10

minutes in microwave oven (or on stovetop in just enough water to cover until almost done but still firm).

Mix orange juice, honey and margarine.

Coat grill with nonstick cooking spray. Place potato on grill. Cook 5 to 10 minutes.

Rhonda Dick, St. Peters, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Grammy's Frosted Molasses Cookies, an entry in the Cookie Recipe Contest. The prize is dinner certificates from the Pasta House Co.

BLUE RIBBON COOK This recipe comes from her grandmother, known for her homemade pies, cakes, noodles and yeast rolls when she had her own home. While she did not make cookies often, this was an annual specialty for her family at Christmas.

Recipes in the Red or Green Recipe Contest should be postmarked by Monday, Nov. 30. A winner will be rewarded each Wednesday during December, so readers of Today's Food have an opportunity to win one of

five times. Send in a recipe that features red and/or green ingredients. In addition to sending in the recipe, tell how you actually make it. Any story behind the recipe counts as part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it forms the basis for selecting winners. Originality will be considered, although the recipe need not be original.

A single household can submit a single recipe. Send it to: Red or Green Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63111.

If possible, name the recipe's source. Include the name of the Journal you receive.

GRAMMY'S FROSTED MOLASSES COOKIES

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar

- 1 egg
- 2 1/4 cups sifted flour
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 1 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 cup uncooked oats
- 1/2 cup nuts, if desired
- Browned Butter Frosting

Preheat oven to 375°.

Grease baking sheets. Cream shortening with sugar. Blend in egg. In bowl, mix together flour, salt, baking soda, allspice and ginger. Add to creamed mixture alternately with molasses and water. Stir in oats and nuts.

Bake on prepared cookie sheets 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on racks before frosting.

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Automotive

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Lincoln updates Continental with side air bags

By Tom Strongman

Engine: 4.6-liter, V-8
Transmission: Automatic
Wheelbase: 109 inches
Curb Weight: 3,868
Base Price: \$38,325
Price as Driven: \$43,305
MPG Estimate: 17 city, 25 highway

Last year Lincoln gave the Continental a substantial face lift, including a new grill and wider head lights, sculptured rear deck lid and big, bright tail lights.
 This year, side air bags, incorporated into the sides of the front seats, are standard along with anti-lock brakes and traction control. Other security features include the optional RESCU, a cellular phone unit that automatically phones for help in case of an air bag deployment, and Michelin tires that can run without air for 100 miles. These "zero pressure" tires have a sensor that alerts the driver to a loss of pressure.
 Our test car was painted Light Parchment Gold, one of five new exterior colors, complemented by a Light Parchment leather interior, the new interior color. The off-white leather interior was attractive, but I suspect it would be hard to keep clean.



For those who want the ambience of a Navigator or Jaguar, a wood-trimmed steering wheel, wood shift knob and two-tone leather seats are another option. Luminescent gauges with partially transparent red needles look as if they are floating in space. This gauge package, similar to that found in the Lexus LS 400, is the nicest of any Lincoln. Too bad it isn't used in other models.
 An Alpine stereo unit replaces last year's JBL unit, and our test car had its six-disc CD changer mounted in the center console, much handier than trunk-mounted units. The sound quality would suit nearly any audiophile.
 Front bucket seats have a wide range of adjustment but could use more lateral support. Adjustments are made with door-mounted buttons that are shaped like miniature seats. This style, originated by Mercedes-Benz and adopted by countless others, makes seat adjustments simple and quick.
 The Driver Select System, a \$595 option, allows the driver to adjust the car for personal taste and record the settings in memory. Up to nine functions are stored in memory for each of two drivers. Unlocking the car with the remote automatically sets the car to each driver's preferences, which is very handy for two-driver households.
 Power steering effort, for example, can be set at "low," "normal" or "high" settings, and the semi-active suspension has "push," "normal" and "firm" positions. All of these functions are controlled by switches mounted on the instrument panel. When the easiest modes are chosen, I found the ride to be too soft and the steering too mushy. Firm is just that, so I ended up choosing the middle ground for both ride and steering.
 Nesled under its sharply creased hood is a 4-cylinder, dual-overhead-cam (DOHC) V-8 engine whose horsepower has been bumped from 200 to 275, thanks to redesigned cylinder heads that enable this engine to breathe deeply. When you mash the throttle, this engine's sonorous rumble rises to a crescendo that brings a smile to the driver's face. It's not a hot rod, but it accelerates with more-than-adequate verve. Putting 275 horses through the front wheels is always a challenge, and it is almost inevitable that you can feel the front wheels tug from side to side under full power.
 The Continental has a lot in common with the Cadillac DeVille, one of its chief competitors. Both are front-wheel-drive, V-8 engine luxury sedans with room for five and all of the accoutrements one expects in today's luxury cars.
 This has been a good year for Lincoln, aided in large measure by the success of the Navigator sport-utility vehicle. How much it hurts the Continental, if at all, remains to be seen, because buyers who want a front-wheel-drive luxury sedan are not likely to be the same ones who go for a big SUV.
 The base price of the Continental is \$38,325. Our test car was equipped with options of power moon roof, heated seats, Driver Select System, CD changer and Alpine audio system.
 The sticker price was \$43,305.
 The standard warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Points & Plugs

Salvaging cars for insurance firms big business

By Rick Stoff

How big are automotive businesses? Salvaging wrecked and stolen cars for insurance companies amounts to \$3 billion worth of business each year, according to Insurance Auto Auctions Inc., which says it is the biggest service provider in the field. Through the first nine months of this year, the company processed 345,000 vehicles.
 Used-car prices continue to climb. The average wholesale price for a used car sold in August was \$10,777, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association and National Auto Auction Association. That was 8.1 percent higher than the average paid in August 1997.

Do bright "daytime running lights" on many new vehicles distract and annoy you? Tough. The National Motorist Association says the federal government probably won't do enough to reduce the glare problems caused by lights that were intended to make vehicles more visible to motorists and therefore make driving safer.

The association says proposed rules under consideration by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration acknowledge that glare from daytime lights on some vehicles "is beyond the level of acceptability and is the source of many citizen complaints." But NHTSA says the proposed rules don't do enough to get distracting lights out of production or de-tune those already on the road. NHTSA told the government there is no evidence that daytime running lights do more good than harm.

One of the latest rumors swirling about the automotive world is that Volvo may build cars in Illinois early next century. Volvo says it is discussing possibilities with Mitsubishi, which operates a plant in Normal, Ill.

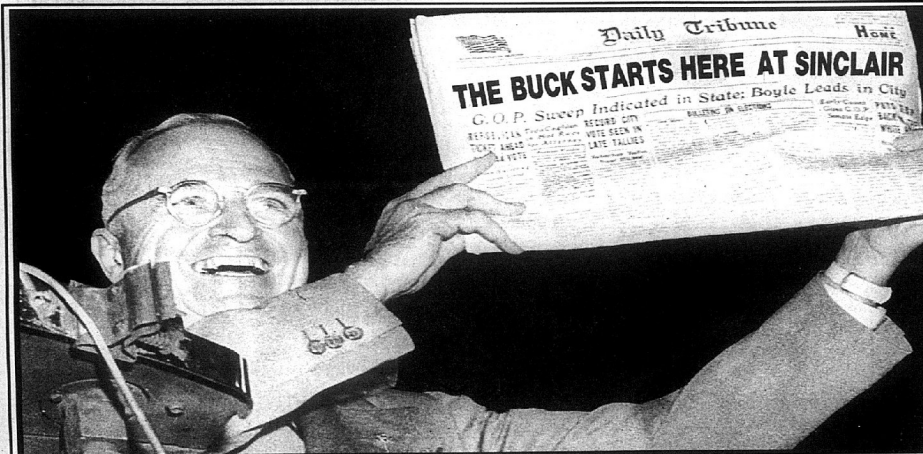
If the new Volkswagen Beetle gets many more honors they'll have to start selling them with Superman-style "S" logos on the hood.

As if it wasn't enough to be the hottest new mainstream car to come along in years, the VW Beetle, Golf and Jetta are the most fuel-efficient 1999 cars sold in the U.S. (If you buy one with a 1.9-liter diesel engine and five-speed manual transmission.) The new Volkswagens are rated at 42 miles per gallon in city driving and 49 mpg on the highway.

The Chevrolet Metro had won the fuel-efficiency crown for the eight previous years. The 1999 Metro, with a 1.0-liter, three-cylinder gasoline engine, turned in 41 mpg city and 47 mpg highway ratings in the new U.S. EPA tests.

If you can't feed your people, you shouldn't buy big luxury cars. The trade magazine Automotive News has editorialized such criticism of North Korea for asking Mercedes-Benz to sell it 200 big sedans worth \$20 million.

In the past three years as many as 2.5 million people are believed to have died from starvation in (Korea). Yet leaders of the totalitarian communist regime apparently feel that the best way to deal with the suffering of their people is from the leather-lined back seat of a new, air-conditioned S-Class," the magazine said.



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
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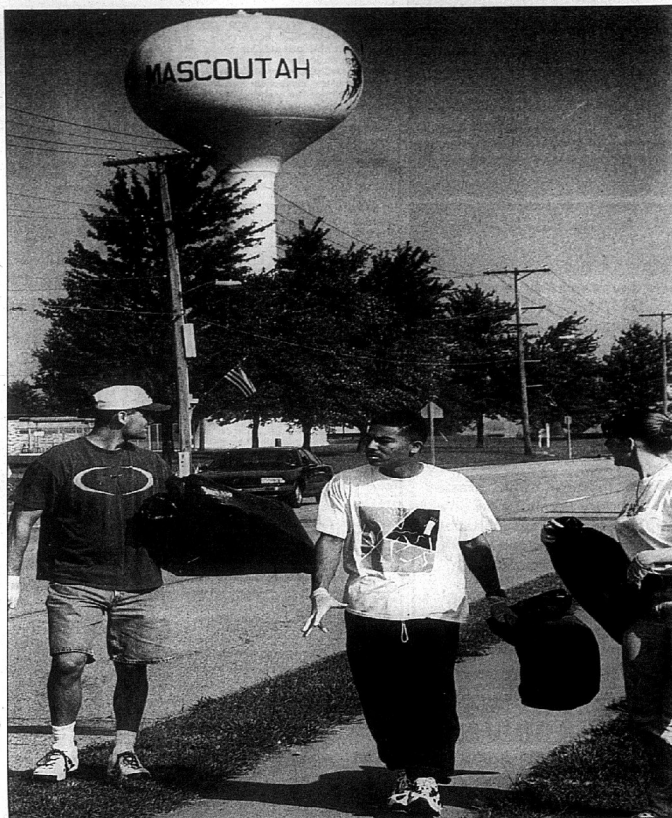
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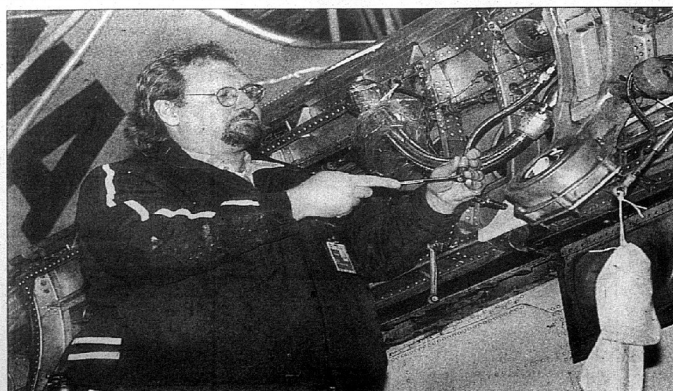


Cleanup crew

Belleville Area College's Administration of Justice program recently organized "Clean Up Mascoutah Day" to help fight litter and pollution in Mascoutah City Park. Clockwise from above, AOJ student Josh Lawrence of Belleville collects garbage along Sixth Street. AOJ students Steven Rathke, left, of Belleville and John Fulton of Shiloh also collect garbage along Sixth. Volunteers Dan Keeton of Scott Air Force Base, from left, Tyrone Perry of Belleville and Jennie Patrick of Fairview Heights work on Sixth. The AOJ students organized volunteers from the Law Enforcement Explorer Clubs of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, Highland and Mascoutah police departments and personnel from Scott AFB to assist in the project.



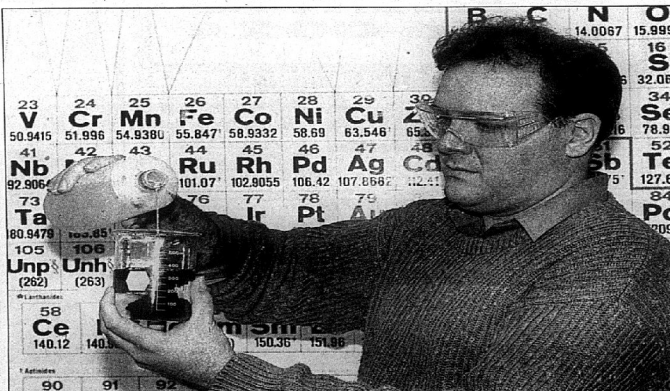
Dr. Harold Johnson, far left, coordinator of the AOJ program, organized the students and volunteers.



Engines on

Linda Gass Burgess photo

Buddy Bortz of Granite City, a mechanic for Trans World Airlines in St. Louis, prepares a McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft for the installation of a jet engine. Bortz is a graduate of Belleville Area College's Aviation Maintenance program.



Chemical reaction

Linda Gass Burgess photo

Belleville Area College chemistry instructor Ted Dolter demonstrates color changes in chemicals at the St. Louis Science Center. Dolter and other area chemists recently held demonstrations in honor of National Chemistry Week.



The latest "Godzilla" blockbuster from TriStar Pictures played on the (mostly) previously unthought-of fear of having one's brand-new car crushed to atoms by giant fake lizard feet.



Getting halfway through a long journey and suddenly remembering that one accidentally left the torch burning in the castle before one left seems to be the fear expressed by young Kayley and her animal friends in this production still from the Warner Bros. movie, "Quest for Camelot." (It probably isn't, but we all get that same expression every now and then.)



Nightmare on Film Street

Even when it isn't the witching season (which it is), the movies are a great place to go for a good scare. This year, there was something frightening for everyone. Giant killer lizards. Giant killer rocks from outer space. Crazy killers stalking students ("Urban Legend") and even their teachers (Halloween: H20).

Even movies that weren't intended to be scary at all had moments that played on our most basic fears — such as heights (or falling) and death. For people who like to worry too much, this year's films probably raised some ominous possibilities yet undreamed of that would keep a therapist busy for years — the chance that one's pets would gain the power of speech, for example, and waste it on crude jokes ("Dr. Doolittle"), or that one's toys would come to life and wreak destruction on the neighborhood ("Small Soldiers," "Bride of Chucky").

Keeping that in mind, we'd like to present a gallery of some modern-day phobias, as presented by some recent movies. Whether you're scared of only the big things (failure, embarrassment, total annihilation) or you're pretty much afraid of everything (bunnies, city government, being trapped in an expensive Cineplex with a toddler who wants to sit through a horrible high-budgeted cartoon musical with songs that would make Barry Manilow cry and you're out of M&M's), there is something here for you. So hang on to your hats, ladies and gentlemen, and keep telling yourself ... "It's only a movie ... it's only a movie ..."



Discovering that the costume shop sent you the Jamie Lee Curtis mask by mistake (left, really a scary scene from Dimension Films' "Halloween: H20") is humiliating when you're late for that big Halloween party. It's almost as bad as learning that your new tennis shoes won't stick to the surfaces of most 195-foot-drop cliffs (above, really from Touchstone Pictures' "Six Days, Seven Nights").

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Kindergartners talk turkey

Hazelwood teacher created classroom tradition around Thanksgiving

By Barbara Ponder
Correspondent

Sometimes patience and a poker face are great allies. Mary Capp and Lisa Witte certainly found them to be useful when interviewing students in Capp's afternoon kindergarten class about the proper way to cook a turkey. "What do you set the oven at, how hot do you want it?" Capp asked in a serious tone of Maggie McGough, 5.

"Six degrees," Maggie replied solemnly and without hesitation.

A little later, Zen Wisdom informed Witte, Capp's high school assistant, of the proper cooking time for a turkey. "One minute," said Zen, 5, and then repeated it for emphasis.

Capp is in her 31st year of teaching kindergarten at Lusher Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District. She began compiling written records of her students' Thanksgiving recipes and memories, with the help of parent volunteers, over 20 years ago.

The project is part of Capp's

annual Thanksgiving Celebration.

During the days leading up to the holiday, Capp's students focus on the meaning and importance of the first Thanksgiving.

In addition to sharing their thoughts, students make tom-toms from oatmeal boxes, sew and decorate burlap vests, and bead pasta necklaces. The event culminates with a performance for parents the day before Thanksgiving.

The project teaches students skills such as oral communication, pattern recognition and cooperation. "They have to learn not to play their tom-toms unless there's music," Capp said. "We learn a lot of songs, and of course, kids love to beat on drums."

Capp's Thanksgiving Celebration snacks of *deja vu* for Witte, who will end her education in the Hazelwood School District where it began — in Capp's classroom.

Witte enjoys participating again from her new perspective. "I have my vest and everything still," Witte said.

"I wish I had written down all the things that kids have said over the years."

Mary Capp
Kindergarten teacher
at Lusher Elementary

"I remember how it was. I think of how much fun it was when I was little, and then I see these little kids do it and they really enjoy it, too."

Witte, a senior, is working each afternoon this school year in Capp's classroom under the high school's Off-Campus Instruction Program. She finds working with the kindergartners sometimes more challenging than her high school courses.

"It's not as easy as I thought it would be," she said. "You've got to be able to teach them everything, all the basics. And I realize how much extra work she (Capp) has to do to put things together for them."

During the interviews on how to cook a turkey, the children also talk about the family activities they enjoy

after the big meal. Maggie said she plays with her sisters, while Zen said he sits on the deck after cleaning up his mess.

Colleen Caffey, 6, said her family tops off the holiday with a visit to Grant's Farm. "We feed the animals, and we took pictures last time," she said.

Sometimes the holiday spurs an unexpected taste for a particular dish.

"I don't like apple pie or cherry pie, all those different pies, but I do like pumpkin pie," Zen said.

Capp said her students have uttered many unintentionally funny remarks over the years, but one instance in particular stands out in her memory.

Capp was teaching about Plymouth Rock, the Massachusetts site near where

the Pilgrims landed in 1620. As part of the project, each child was drawing a picture of the rock.

When Capp asked one student what he was drawing, the boy made a surprising but understandable mistake. "He said, 'Chrysler Rock,'" Capp recalled. "That was so

cute."

Capp plans to retire in 2000. She described her career as "wonderful" but said she has one regret.

"I wish I had written down all the things that kids have said over the years," she said. "They come up with some real classics."

Tree and plant care tips from the experts at

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

Fresh-cut trees and poinsettias are a must at many a home during the holidays. And to keep them fresh and enjoyable throughout the season, a little care is required. Here's what you need to know.

The poinsettia plant originated in the warm climates of Mexico, and it definitely favors that hot, humid type of environment. So how can it be popular at Christmas time in the north? Read on.

Poinsettias can survive a St. Louis winter if one requirement is met: Keep them indoors. Your home probably isn't anywhere near as hot as Mexico in mid-winter, but it doesn't have to be. Plant breeding has resulted in poinsettia varieties well suited to the typical home environment.

We don't know if it's a case of the poinsettia loving the heat or hating the cold, but it really doesn't matter. It can handle the transition from store to car to home, but not much more. If you buy a plant and leave it in an unattended car for any length of time, it won't survive. And a "length of time" in this case is no more than a few minutes.

Once you get the plant home, unwrap it and place it in a brightly lit area that's not too cold. Don't place it near doorways or anywhere else where the possibility of drafts exists. Above all, don't allow the foliage to touch window glass, since this can result in leaf damage. The plant shouldn't be kept near a window anyway.

Caring for your plant is not much different than any other houseplant. Prevent leaf drop by avoiding rapid temperature fluctuations. These are mostly caused by drafts, so if the plant's in a safe place, you'll have little to worry about. As for watering, allow the top one-fourth of the soil to dry between waterings.

Tree Care

To properly care for your fresh-cut tree, follow these steps.

Prior to setting the tree up, a fresh cut should be made across the trunk, lopping an inch or so off the bottom. The tree should be placed in a stand full of water within 12 hours of making the cut. If that's not possible, make the cut (or another one) just prior to set-up.

Make sure the tree fits the stand before bringing it inside. Take the stand to the tree and test it first. It's much easier to trim the trunk to size.

Fill the stand with water as soon as the tree is placed in it. It can absorb up to a gallon of water in the first 24 hours; after a day or so, it won't absorb the water as fast, but it will still need water daily.

Don't place the tree near fireplaces, heat registers or any other heat source. Also, it should be kept out of drafts, so near the front door isn't a good location.

Always check lights before placing them on the tree. If any sets show even the slightest signs of damage (frayed cords, loose sockets, etc.), throw them away. New light sets aren't expensive, and they'll give you piece of mind.

As a final reminder, never leave the lights lit when nobody's around. Unplug them when you go to bed or leave the house.

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Students give ideas on Thanksgiving dinner

Here are some of the ways students in Mary Capp's class at Lusher Elementary School recommended fixing today's turkey dinner:

Get a turkey that weighs 10 pounds. Cook it in the oven for 11 minutes at 90 degrees. Mom takes it out of the oven and puts it in the refrigerator. Mom and dad take it and cut it. They give us fruit, mashed potatoes and gravy, and carrots. For dessert we have ice cream and cookies. Grandma comes over and eats with us. When we are done, we go downstairs and play.

Ashley Kempe

Buy a turkey from the store that weighs 10 pounds. Put it in the oven and let it cook for 5 minutes at 13 degrees. Take it out and cut it. Serve with carrots, bread, corn and mashed potatoes. Mom gives us pumpkin pie. Grandma and Grandpa come over and eat. After we eat, we dance.

Nicole Lindemann

Dad goes to the farm and gets a turkey. It weighs 10 pounds. Dad puts it in the oven for 1 minute at 1 degree. Mom puts the stuffing mix in before dad cooks it. Dad gives us barbecued chicken, rice and some rolls to go with the turkey. We also have pigs-in-a-blanket. We eat at Grandma's and Grandpa's. Grandma and Grandpa make the dessert. We have ice cream and watermelon.

Cody Meinert

Mom gets the turkey from the grocery store that weighs 1 pound. Grandma Jean puts it in the oven and cooks it for 2 minutes at 100 degrees. Grandma Kay takes it out and cuts it. Aunt Mary makes pumpkin pie for dessert. We have grapes, carrots, corn, and mashed potatoes. We and Dad Sammy and me eat it all up. We play on the car track after we eat.

Jordan Steed

Mom buys the turkey from the grocery store that weighs 3 pounds. Mom puts it in the oven and cooks it for 1 hour at 60 degrees. After it's done, she stuffs it with peas. Mom cuts it up and gives us corn, chicken and mashed potatoes. Grandma makes apple pie for dessert. Great Grandma eats with us. After we're done eating, we play games and then go to Grant's Farm and feed the goats. Then we come back home and play again.

Colleen Caffey

Grandma and Grandpa shoot a turkey that weighs 50 pounds. Grandpa puts it in the oven and cooks it for 59 minutes at 200 degrees. Grandma puts pepper and salt on it. Grandpa gives us chicken soup and lettuce with the turkey. Grandma makes chocolate-raspberry pudding. Grandma and Grandpa, Aunt Jill, Mom and Dad Sammy and me eat it all up. We play on the car track after we eat.

Dylan Mudd

Sisters seek help for hurricane victims

By Daniel J. Ladd
Correspondent

Some local nuns are asking the public to help their missionaries and the people they work with in Honduras.

The St. Louis Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, a religious order located at 320 E. Ripa Ave. in Lemay, is calling for donations to aid Honduran victims of Hurricane Mitch.

The local arm of the organization has had a missionary presence in Honduras for 40 years and is spearheading the SSND Honduran Relief Project.

Sister Carleen Ried, provincial councilor for the organization, said the group needs donations of cash or non-perishable goods, including household items, tools, bedclothes, simple toys, clothing, canned goods and other essentials to aid hurricane victims.

She said that the devastation to the

impoverished country has been enormous.

"It is a very poor country in normal times, and then you get a hurricane that comes through and destroys the crops," Sister Carleen said. "It's very sad because they have nothing to fall back on. I don't think anybody knows how sad it is. We have two native sisters there who still don't know the condition of their families."

So complete has been the devastation to the nation's crops and to its road system, that ironically, the victims also need donations of sugar and coffee, items usually found in abundance in Honduras. Sister Carleen said that the crops that weren't damaged can't be accessed because of the roads and because of the fear of new mud slides.

The storm, which dumped more than an inch of rain per hour for more than 24 hours on the area has left many families homeless.

She said that at the height of the storm, fully 1,000 Hondurans crowded into the order's small school in the El Progreso region.

"People came into the school and talked about how their families got caught up in a rushing instance," Sister Carleen said. "Many of the people came in not as a family, but as the remnants of a family."

Today, there are still 150 people living in the building, people who have lost everything.

"Those people don't know how they are going to rebuild," Sister Carleen said.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame has 10 nuns working and living in Honduras, including three from the St. Louis area. Those three, sisters Leetta Hamack, Mary Kennedy and Marie Augusteen Peters, kept in constant contact with the St. Louis office throughout the worst of the storm.

"They weren't thinking about their own danger," Sister Carleen said.

LOCAL HEARING AID DEALER BUYS THE MANUFACTURERS LABORATORY AND IS SAVING CUSTOMERS HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS.

A local hearing aid chain recently bought a hearing aid manufacturing facility, which is greatly reducing the cost of hearing aids to customers.

Hearing Systems 2000 is a hearing aid retailer with 8 locations in St. Louis and Illinois. "With the high costs of hearing aids today we realized we had to do something to help our customers," said the company spokesperson. "By taking the manufacturer out of the picture you can cut out the middleman and the middleman's profit which is passed on to the customer. The savings are in the hundreds and with the more sophisticated hearing systems such as programmable and digital, customers are saving more than ever."

One customer reported that after shopping at an area competitor, he went to the main office of Hearing Systems 2000 in South County and saved a total of \$1,268.00 on a pair of the newest technology hearing instruments called digital. What the customer most liked, after the savings of course, was the quality he received and if a problem arises, he can go straight to the lab and get it fixed. Before, it took weeks, he claimed.

"Great prices are not the only reason we did this," added the company spokesperson. "We now have a much better handle on the quality of the product that the customers are receiving. It's amazing what happens when the same person who made the hearing system has to fix it and is graded on that performance. The quality goes way up! Hearing Systems 2000 employees are not graded by the amount of hearing instruments they produce, but rather on the amount that do not come back with problems." The company president added, "We are not the largest company around, but I feel our product is by far the best built." This statement must be true because Hearing Systems 2000 was voted the best hearing aid center in a local paper.

The local company offers free in home testing, hearing health care seminars to senior groups, and free hearing tests to seniors. To find out more information or to schedule a free hearing test and a demonstration on new technology call 314-638-1112 or toll free 1-800-835-1767.

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